GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: NETHERLANDS

2. Agency responsible: Ministry for Housing, Regional Development and the Environment

3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:

4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
   Thirty-nine

5. Title: Decree on Substances Affecting the Ozone Layer

6. Description of content: The notification concerns the Decree on substances which can affect the ozone layer that was notified earlier by means of notification 91/0256. The matter at issue here is a notification of the bringing forward of the ban on the production and marketing of insulating foam containing CFCs contained in Article 15(1). This ban is brought forward from 1 January 1994 to 1 January 1993.

   The ban on the production and marketing of insulating material containing CFCs, as referred to in Article 15(1) has been brought forward from 1 January 1994 to 1 January 1993.

7. Objective and rationale: This Decree was drawn up for the following reasons:
   - The need to protect both human beings and the environment in view of the most recent publications on damage to the ozone layer.
   - The need for earlier implementation of EEC Regulation 594/91 (PBEG L67).
   - Implementation of agreements reached under the Dutch CFC action programme.


   The CFC action programme dated 21 June 1990 sent by Mr. Alders, the Minister, to the European Commission with an accompanying letter dated 27 August 1990, and presented to the Commission by the Office of the Permanent Representative (Reference No. 26985).
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