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NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>THE NETHERLANDS</u>
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Welfare, Health and Cultural Affairs
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): Foodstuffs
5. Title: Commodities Act Decree on the Preparation and Handling of Foodstuffs
6. Description of content: The Decree lays down general hygiene rules for the preparation and handling of foodstuffs. Specific rules on hygiene can subsequently be laid down by virtue of the Decree. In addition, the Decree lays down general limits with regard to impurities and toxins, rules on sound raw materials such as water and frying oil/fat, rules on the presence of nutrients not occurring naturally in the foodstuff in question and the absence of antibiotics and rules on the transport and handling of refrigerated products. In addition, the Directives on quick-frozen products (89/108/EEC) and extraction solvents (88/344/EEC) will be implemented by virtue of this Decree.
7. Objective and rationale: This Regulation is necessary both for the protection of public health and on account of the new legal base for all Commodities Act Regulations referred to in point 8. Aspects of European law and deregulation of course played an important role in the transposition of the current Decree.
8. Relevant documents: This Decree is the first in a series of current decrees and regulations based on the old Commodities Act (Statutes Book 1935, 793), all of which have to be replaced by regulations based on the new Commodities Act (Statutes Book 1988, 360). This Decree replaces the current provisions on food hygiene, notably in the General Decree (Commodities Act) (Statutes Book 1949, J306, last amended by the Decree of 21 November 1989, Statutes Book 548), and the Decree on Cooked Goods (Commodities Act) (Statutes Book 1979, 563, last amended by the Decree of 11 June 1985, Statutes Book 367).
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force:
10. Final date for comments: 16 August 1990
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: