

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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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: <u>THE NETHERLANDS</u>
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Conservation and Fisheries; Commodity Board for Ornamental Plants
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): Bulbs (HS 0601)
5. Title: Decree PVS 1990 Labelling of Bulbs
6. Description of content: The Decree makes it obligatory to mark on the packaging of bulbs whether they have been taken from the wild.
7. Objective and rationale: Trade in bulbs taken from the wild is widely regarded as an undesirable phenomenon detrimental to the natural environment. The purpose of this provision is to enable consumers to make an informed choice and thus avoid possible adverse consequences for the sale of cultivated bulbs. The provision does not concern quality aspects.
8. Relevant documents: Industrial Organization Act (STB - Netherlands Official Gazette - 1950, K22) and Commodity Board for Ornamental Plants (Establishment) Act (STB 1954, 447)
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force:
10. Final date for comments: 1 November 1990
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: