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NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>NETHERLANDS</u>
2. Agency responsible: Ministry for Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries
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): 0407
5. Title: Draft Legal Rules Amending the Order on the Inspection and Marking of Deep Litter Eggs (Quality of Agricultural Produce)
6. Description of content: Eggs of laying hens kept under the alternative production systems referred to in EEC Regulations Nos. 1907/90 and 1274/91. The Order on the Inspection and Marking of Deep Litter Eggs (Quality of Agricultural Produce) referred exclusively to deep litter eggs. The object of the amendment in question is to implement EEC Regulations 1907/90 and 1274/91 laying down standards and markings in respect of four different alternative poultry systems, namely free range, semi-intensive, deep litter and perchery. This amendment also introduces official marks for eggs of laying hens kept in the other three alternative production systems, within the meaning of the above-mentioned EEC Regulations.
7. Objective and rationale: This amendment would implement the EEC Regulations referred to in points 6 and 8. At the same time, the commercial interests involved are calling, in order to promote sales, for an official mark for eggs of hens kept in semi-intensive and perchery production systems which have recently come on to the market.
8. Relevant documents: Decree on Deep Litter Eggs (Quality of Agricultural Produce) (Stb. 1978, 636, as last amended by the Decree of 25 March 1989, Stb. 148).
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: End of 1992
10. Final date for comments: 26 August 1992
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: