

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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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 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):  84
5. Title: Draft Decree on the Type-Approval of Central-Heating Boilers (Air Pollution by Nitrogen Oxides)
6. Description of content: Central-heating boilers, air heaters and supplementary heaters up to a rated load of 0.9 MW.  To reduce air pollution caused by the use of central-heating boilers in households and small office buildings, it has been decided that central-heating boilers, air heaters and supplementary heaters up to a rated load of 0.9 MW (lower calorific value) may only be placed on the market if they are of an approved type. Approval is granted if the emission of nitrogen oxides from atmospheric burners and ventilator burners does not exceed 90 PPM and that from fully pre-aerated burners does not exceed 40 PPM, with 0 per cent oxygen in all cases. The provisions apply to all central-heating boilers, air heaters and supplementary heaters irrespective of the fuel used. It is expected that the decree will not enter into force before 1 September 1993. Provision is made for tightening up the rules in 1997. The values which will then apply are still under study.
7. Objective and rationale: The decree arises from the national environment plan which calls for reducing nitrogen oxides by about 60 per cent in the year 2000, to combat acidification and by as much as 80-90 per cent in 2010.
8. Relevant documents: Law on Air Pollution and Law on Environmental Protection. Already forwarded under Notification 91/0430.
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 September 1993
10. Final date for comments: 12 October 1992
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: