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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 of 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): 9306
5. Title: Amendment of the Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of 20 March 1978, No. j 757 (stcrt. 59)
6. Description of content: Cartridges containing metallic lead. This Order bans the use of cartridges containing metallic lead for hunting from 1 February 1993. A suitable alternative for lead shot is available in the form of iron shot.
7. Objective and rationale: Lead shot is responsible for a substantial part of total lead contamination of the soil in the Netherlands. Lead cartridges which end up in the environment ("stray shot") are a major source of lead poisoning, affecting in particular waterfowl which swallow the shot. It is accordingly preferable to use iron shot instead of lead shot in order to prevent the unnecessary suffering of animals. The proper use of iron shot reduces the likelihood of game being wounded.
8. Relevant documents: Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of 20 March 1978, No. j 757, Directorate for Legal and Administrative Affairs (stcrt. 59).
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: As soon as possible
10. Final date for comments: -
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: