GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

<u>Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade</u>

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 Commodity Board for Fish and Fish Products	
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): 0307 (bi-valvular molluscs, parts and waste thereof)	
5. Title: Draft Regulation on the Prevention of the Introduction of Foreign Toxic Dinoflagellates	
6. Description of content: The Regulation prohibits the placing of bi-valvular molluscs or parts and waste thereof in surface waters, unless they originate in one of the designated areas. Discharging into the surface waters of the water used for transporting, storing, cleaning or processing bi-valvular molluscs or parts thereof which do not come from the designated areas, or of the waste water obtained after changing their water, is also prohibited, unless the water has been purified as specified.	
7. Objective and rationale: Public health. Bi-valvular molluscs may contain Paralybo Shellfish Poison (PSP) if they feed on PSP-producing dinoflagellates. PSP is a biotoxin harmful to man. No PSP-producing algae occur (as yet) in Dutch coastal waters. Introduction may occur if bi-valvular molluscs originating in areas in which PSP-producing algae exist are put into these waters. The Regulation will prevent the introduction of such algae.	

8. Relevant documents:
 	
   - Law on Business Organization (already notified under 90/123/NL)
   - Law Establishing the Commodity Board for Fish and Fish Products 1956	

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 31 October 1992	
10. Final date for comments: 7 August 1992	
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body:	