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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: Ministerie van Verkeer en Waterstaat, Rijksdienst voor het Wegverkeer
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): 87
5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Vehicle Order (Order in Council) (available in Dutch, 399 pages)
6. Description of content: Vehicles and vehicle parts. (By way of implementation of the draft Road Traffic Act 1992.) The draft Vehicle Order regulates the approval of vehicles for road use and the requirements to be met by vehicles in this respect, as well as the approval of vehicle parts, together with the requirements to be met by vehicles currently in use, and the periodic inspection of vehicles.
7. Objective and rationale: Main reasons for introducing the new vehicle regulations are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- in order to create clarity as regards the requirements governing vehicles by splitting them up into vehicle categories;- in order to base the approval requirements on relevant EEC directives or EEC regulations in those cases where no EEC directives are available (as yet), or on existing national legislation in the event that complete EEC directives/EEC regulations are not available;- on behalf of law-enforcers on the road (police) and authorities responsible for carrying out periodic inspections, in order to harmonize the requirements to be applied regarding vehicles already in use.

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8. Relevant documents: The draft Road Traffic Act 1992 (notified 21 March 1990, No. 90/0068/NL), Directive 70/136/EEC, as well as the special directives in the field of vehicles, Directive 77/143/EEC. The relevant Vehicle Order shall replace the current Road Traffic Order, the Order Governing the Periodic Inspection of Motorized Vehicles, Trailers and Semitrailers, as well as a number of so-called State Inspection Orders.

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 October 1994

10. Final date for comments: 12 March 1993

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: