

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
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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 Economische Zaken, G-ZS, Hoofdafdeling Algemeen Marktbeleid
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): HS 90
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: - Application of Article 14 of the Metrology Act Governing Statistical Methods by Verification of Electrical Energy Meters and Material Measures of Length (Order Government Statistical Research of the Metrology Act) (11 pages). - Amendment of the Verification Requirements for Electric Energy Meters (12 pages). - Amendment of the Verification Requirements for Material Measures of Length (4 pages).
6.	Description of content: Electrical energy meters and material measures of length. The draft order provides for the possibility of statistical initial verification of material measures of length and the statistical initial verification and subsequent verification of electrical energy meters by means of the actual examination of a few samples from this batch. In the case of material measures of length and electrical energy meters, sufficient assurance is given that the outcome of the random verification is representative for the entire batch. A more detailed regulation of the random verification and an interpretation of the outcome of such verification depends on the measurement tool used and are incorporated in existing regulations. For this propose, the Verification Requirements for Electrical Energy Meters and the Verification Requirements for Material Measure of Length are amended.

<p>7. Objective and rationale: As for model-based verifications, which was abolished upon the statutory amendment of the Metrology Act of 1989, a transitional period was instituted. This implied that certain measuring instruments were not subject to any individual verification for a three-year period as they had been manufactured according to an approved model. Upon expiry of the transitional period, these measuring instruments shall be subject to individual verifications. Verification based on statistical methods offers a valid alternative for model-based verifications.</p> <p>From an efficiency and economical point of view, statistical methods offer considerable advantages over specific verification for both the applicant and inspectorate.</p>
<p>8. Relevant documents:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Metrology Act (Ijkwet, Staatsblad 1989, 10). Verification Requirements for Electrical Energy Meters. Verification Requirements for Material Measures of Length.</p>
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 3 December 1993</p>
<p>10. Final date for comments: 20 November 1993</p>
<p>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body:</p>