

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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 Welfare, Public Health and Cultural Affairs (VVP)
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 [], 2.6.1 [X], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Motorcycle- and moped helmets (6505)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Commodity Act Regulation Governing Motorcycle and Moped Helmets (3 pages, available in English)
6.	Description of content: The Regulation provides for product requirements and type inspection for motorcycle and moped helmets at the stage when they are traded. For this purpose, the Regulation entirely refers to the requirements, inspection and mark of approval, as stipulated in ECE Regulation No. 22 (tractatenblad 1959, 83). As such, the product safety rules which applied in the Netherlands before the implementation of 89/686/EEC have been re-introduced.
7.	Objective and rationale: As yet, the helmets in question fall under Directive 89/686/EEC (personal means of protection) but before long will, as the (1st) amendment of Directive 89/686/EEC is under way, no longer be subject to product safety rules at the stage when they are traded. As, from a health protection point of view, this situation is extremely undesirable, the Commission has agreed to submit a proposal for these helmets at its earliest convenience. The object of the present regulation (maximum duration two years) is to declare said Regulation No. 22 applicable at the stage of trading up to the moment when the approved Community legislation in question is laid down.
8.	Relevant documents: Commodity Act (Article 8(a) and Article 15, paragraph 1)
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 31 December 1993
10.	Final date for comments: -
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: