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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 Economic Affairs - Den Haag
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. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): 3923.30
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Regulation Governing an Inspection System for Refillable Plastic Bottles (2 pages)
6.	Description of content: The aim of the draft Regulation is to ensure that refillable plastic bottles are guided through State-of-the-art inspection equipment ("sniffers") to establish whether the bottles have been polluted with harmful substances before they are refilled with soft drinks and/or waters. The Regulation also stipulates requirements for the inspection equipment.
7.	Objective and rationale: The aim of the Regulation is to prevent refillable plastic bottles from being refilled which may contain undesirable, health and life-threatening substances to man. Companies which refill the bottles in question must guide these through a "sniffer" which meets certain specifications. This equipment rejects polluted bottles from the production process. There are no regulations to this effect at EU level.
8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Business Organization Act (27/01/1950, Law Gazette K 22);- Establishment Order on Soft Drinks and Waters 1992.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 6 July 1994
10.	Final date for comments: 20 June 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: