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ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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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: Ministry of Economic Affairs
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): Belt weighers, automatic rail-weighbridges and discontinuous totalizing automatic weighing instruments.
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Regulations Governing Automatic Machines (Weights and Measures Regulation on Automatic Machines) (11 pages)
6.	Description of content: The national regulations governing belt weighers and discontinuous totalizing automatic weighing instruments as incorporated in the weights and measures regulation on belt weighers and the weights and measures regulation on weighing machines for weighing are to be replaced by OIML recommendations R 50, 1994 edition and R 107, 1993 edition. In addition, OIML recommendation R 106, 1993 edition, is prescribed for automatic rail-weighbridges.
7.	Objective and rationale: WELMEC, a collaboration between the metrological services of EU and EFTA countries, has laid down as one of its aims the voluntary harmonization of OIML recommendations. This intention has thus far been restricted to automatic weighing machines and is being implemented in the Netherlands by making the OIML recommendation compulsory in the national inspection procedures. By adopting OIML recommendation R 106, suppliers of automatic rail-weighbridges will be able to introduce their products onto the market in the normal way as provided for in the weights and measures act.
8.	Relevant documents: Weights and Measures Act Weights and Measures Order Weights and Measures Regulation on belt weighers (Stort. 1989, 83) Weights and Measures Regulation on weighing machines for weighing (Stort. 1989, 83)

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 March 1995
10. Final date for comments: 10 February 1995
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: