

**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 Transport and Public Works
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): Satellite emergency radio beacons (EPIRBs) for determining position and direction.
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: NL-ETS 300 152 specification of minimum requirements for maritime radio communications equipment, satellite emergency radio beacons, EPIRBs, operating on 121,5 MHz or 121,5 MHz and 243 MHz for directional location.
6.	Description of content: The technical regulation contains the minimum requirements with which satellite emergency radio beacons (EPIRBs), operating on 121,5 MHz or 121,5 MHz and 243 MHz for directional location shall comply. The requirements are entirely based on European Standard ETS 300 152.
7.	Objective and rationale: In addition to the objective of preventing trading restrictions by introducing new European technical regulations, obligations pursuant to international treaties (IMO), intended to increase the safety of the ship and its crew (SOLAS Convention), shall apply.
8.	Relevant documents: Radio-electrical equipment order (Stb, 1988, 552), sections C and F; Ships order 1965 (Stb. 1965, 367 amended by Stb. 1992, 35).
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 15 March 1995.
10.	Final date for comments: 1 March 1995.
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: