

**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
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): 360410000
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Regulation Further Requirements for Fireworks (7 pages)
6.	Description of content: The Regulation serves to implement the general safety requirements of the Fireworks Decree under the Environmentally Hazardous Substances Act at the commercial stage, and to that end sets down regulations concerning the composition and quantity of the charge, together with the limits of the effects (of the fireworks).
7.	Objective and rationale: The Regulation, which has become necessary on account of the abolition of other legislation, is a codification of existing requirements on consumer fireworks aimed at protecting the health and safety of the consumer.
8.	Relevant documents: Hazardous Substances Act Hazardous Substances Decree List of Fireworks Fireworks Decree made under the Commodities Act Fireworks Decree under the Environmentally Hazardous Substances Act

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: The Regulation had to be brought into force quickly and without prior notification because in practice unexpected connection problems were found to exist between the Fireworks Decree under the Environmentally Hazardous Substances Act, previously notified and entered into force, and the existing regulations on consumer fireworks on the basis of the Hazardous Substances Act.

This meant that the enforcement of the safety requirements for consumer fireworks suffered a serious setback at the turn of the year, an unacceptable situation from the point of view of public safety and the protection of the health and safety of the consumer.

10. Final date for comments: -

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: