

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NETHERLANDS</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Transport and Public Works Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification can be indicated if different from above: National enquiry point
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Ocean-going ships and fishing vessels
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Amendment of the Shipping Decree 1965 and of the Fishing Vessels in Connection with the Statute Law of 12 April 1995, Amending the Shipping Act (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees 301), and with the Introduction of a Harmonized System of Survey and Certification
6.	<p>Description of content: This draft Decree aligns the Shipping Decree 1965 with the 1988 Protocols to the SOLAS Convention and the Load Line Treaty, which introduced, <i>inter alia</i>, the harmonized system of survey and certification (HSSC), and to the amendment to the SOLAS Convention which added Chapters IX (International Safety Management Code), X (High Speed Craft Code) and XI (new safety regulations) to the Convention.</p> <p>An indicative summary of the technical regulations appears below:</p> <p>Article 1: subparagraph B (Article 2); subparagraph C (Articles 7, 9, first paragraph, and 10, first paragraph); subparagraph F (Article 43a); subparagraph H (Article 51, second paragraph); subparagraph K (Article 92a); subparagraph M (Article 97); subparagraph O (2); Article III: subparagraphs A and B; Article IV, subparagraphs B and C. This Decree only contains amendments to other Decrees and has no independent significance. It shall cease to exist as soon as it has entered into effect.</p> <p>The Decrees which are amended by this Decree are the Shipping Decree 1965 and the Fishing Vessels Decree.</p>

7.	<p>Objective and rationale: If the draft contains quantitative import restrictions or measures of equal effect within the meaning of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade then such measures are justified in the interests of protecting public safety and health and human life.</p> <p>A provision relating to mutual recognition has been included in the Decrees amended by this Decree, namely the Shipping Decree 1965 and the Fishing Vessels Decree.</p>
8.	<p>Relevant documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Shipping Decree 1965;- Fishing Vessels Decree;- the explanatory note to the original Decree.
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: 20 November 1997 Proposed date of entry into force: 21 November 1997</p>
10.	<p>Final date for comments: 19 November 1997</p> <p>The Netherlands will proceed to implement the proposed measure after 45 days if no comments or requests for extension of the time-limit have been received from other Members within that time.</p>
11.	<p>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body:</p>