

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
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: Ministerie van Economische Zaken, DG-ES, Hoofdafdeling Algemeen Narktbeleid
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): Taximeters
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Amendment to the Weights and Measures Regulation, the General EEC Weights and Measures Order and the Order on the Conveyance of Passengers (Taximeters) - Weights and Measures Regulation (Taximeters)
6.	Description of content: The amendment to the Weights and Measures Regulation provides for the introduction of an inspection obligation and the periodical reinspection of taximeters and the possibility of using weighing instruments for rough weighing when weighing waste products and sand, gravel and soil. The amendment to the general EEC Weights and Measures Order provides for the withdrawal of the interim EEC Weights and Measures Regulation, enabling the first EEC Weights and Measures Regulation to be fully completed. The Weights and Measures Regulation (Taximeters) explains in greater detail technical and metrological regulations governing taximeters.
7.	Objective and rationale: It is compulsory for taxis to carry/use a taximeter. In order to promote good operation and correct use, more specific requirements are being placed on taximeters. The exemption clause for taximeters which has featured in the Weights and Measures Regulation until now is being withdrawn. The introduction of an inspection obligation in the Netherlands will enable the first EEC Weights and Measures Regulation to be fully implemented, and there will no longer be any need to maintain the interim EEC Weights and Measures Regulation as a separate category. Industry has requested that Class-III weighing instruments be used for weighing bulk products of low economic value. In line with the EEC Weights and Measures Order (Non-Automatic Weighing Instruments) this request has been granted.

8.	Relevant documents: Weights and Measures Act; Weights and Measures Regulation; General EEC Weights and Measures Order.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 January 1995
10.	Final date for comments: 15 August 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or address and telefax number of other body: