

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>THE NETHERLANDS</u>
2. Agency responsible: The Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Conservation and Fisheries; Commodity Board for Livestock and Meat
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): Cooked ham (HS 160241/2)
5. Title: Agricultural Produce (Quality Control) Regulation (1990) Concerning Cooked Ham
6. Description of content: The Regulation lays down additional quality requirements for cooked ham. The areas covered include labelling, composition, sensory aspects and inspection methods. These requirements apply only to ham producers who voluntarily join the Stichting Nederlandse Vleeswarenkontrolle (NVK) (Foundation for the Monitoring of Prepared Meat Products). This Foundation can issue quality marks to these voluntary members and is responsible for supervision of their use. Ham which is produced other than by those affiliated to this body or which is imported from other Member States is not required to comply with these requirements and can be sold without restriction.
7. Objective and rationale: The aim of these measures is to promote ham quality. The rationale of this voluntary agreement is to ensure fair trading practice and to inform and protect the consumer.
8. Relevant documents: Agricultural Produce (quality control) Act (STB 1971, 371), Agricultural Produce (quality control) Regulation on Prepared Meat Products (STB 1984, 643), Decision on Agricultural Produce (quality control) (Staatscourant 1981, 204), Decision on Agricultural Produce (quality control) Relating to the Approval of and Issue of Marks to Prepared Meat Products (Staatscourant 1981, 204 (see Notification 89/0229/NL)

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force:

10. Final date for comments: 1 November 1990

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point or address of other body: