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NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>BELGIUM</u>
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Communications and Infrastructure Transport Administration Technical Directorate, Cantersteen 12, 1000 BRUSSELS
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): Slow vehicles, agricultural tractors with trailers
5. Title: Royal Decree Amending the Royal Decree of 15 March 1968 Issuing General Regulations on Technical Requirements for Motor Vehicles and their Trailers, Parts and Safety Accessories
6. Description of content: The maximum speed of slow vehicles, agricultural tractors with trailers in many cases, is raised from 30 kmh. to 40 kmh. (Article 1). Vehicles having a speed of between 30 kmh. and 40 kmh. must meet the following additional technical requirements: Average braking deceleration is raised from 2.5 m/sec ² to 3 m/sec ² (Article 7). Motor vehicles must possess an emergency braking device (Article 6). The wheels fitted with brakes must carry at least 65 per cent of the maximum authorized axle weight (Article 9.3). Inertia brakes for slow trailers are authorized up to a maximum mass of 8000 kg. instead of 3,500 kg. (Article 3). In the case of a combined tractor-trailer, the trailer must be equipped with an inertia brake or continuous braking must be applied (Article 8, paragraphs 2 and 3).

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Vehicles must be fitted with:

- a speedometer (Article 4);
- a headlight (Article 2:2);
- a stop light (Article 2:3);
- a yellow revolving light (Article 2:1);
- a windscreen-wiper and defrosters (Article 5).

7. Objective and rationale: Agricultural tractors are built and authorized to travel on the road in certain member countries. The purpose of this draft Royal Decree is to authorize such vehicles to travel on the road in Belgium too.

8. Relevant documents:

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 60 days

10. Final date for comments:

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