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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: Ministry of Economic Affairs, Department DGE/ERD, den Haag
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): HS 84 and 85
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Methodology for Measuring Energy Yield of Solar Water Heaters and Solar Collectors
6.	Description of content: Solar water heaters and solar collectors. Subsidies are currently granted under the energy saving technologies subsidies order to persons acquiring solar water heaters or other devices for the purpose of utilizing solar energy, and the amount of subsidy is calculated by reference to the collector surface area measured in square meters. An amendment to the said order is now in preparation with the purpose of changing the basis of subsidy described above. On the new basis, the amount of subsidy will be in relation to the energy saving to be made annually by using the solar water heater or other device for exploiting solar energy. To this end it is necessary to ascertain the energy saving to be made annually in an objective and standardized manner. With this in mind a method of measuring is suggested which is laid out in three TNO reports (TNO = Netherlands Institute for Applied Science Research).
7.	Objective and rationale: In the memorandum on saving energy the authorities set out their goal of having 300,000 solar water heaters in the period to 2010. To this end the authorities will continue to stimulate the application of thermal solar energy by granting subsidies. The purpose is to lower the cost of solar water heaters by encouraging their mass production through increasing sales, so that in time subsidies will no longer be necessary.

8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- "Test procedure for the purpose of describing the quality level of solar water heaters", TNO report dated 12 March 1993, number 93-BBI-R0339/1.- "Reporting form for the purpose of describing the quality level of solar water heaters", TNO report dated 12 March 1993, number 93-BBI-R0339/2.- "Procedure for ascertaining the yield table, for solar collectors", TNO report dated 21 July 1993, number 93-BBI-R0736/1.- The energy saving technologies subsidies order, Stb. 1993, 186.- The grant of financial resources by the Department of Economic Affairs enabling statute, STB. 1991, 767.- The memorandum on saving energy, TK 1989-1990, 21570, No. 1-2.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 January 1994
10.	Final date for comments: 15 December 1993
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: