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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 Welfare, Public Health and Cultural Affairs
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): Dairy products
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Food and Drugs Act Governing Dairy Products (28 pages)
6.	Description of content: The Draft incorporates all regulations governing dairy products pursuant to the Food and Drugs Act in one order, whereby the Minister for Welfare, Public Health and Cultural Affairs is granted the power to implement a number of the said EC directives, in particular, by ministerial regulation. At present, these directives have already been implemented by way of ministerial emergency provision or according or pursuant to other orders.
7.	Objective and rationale: Existing statutory, compulsory indications of dairy products have been checked for aspects concerning deregulation and European law, and only maintained as stipulated indications if this is deemed necessary to attain a high level of consumer protection.
8.	Relevant documents: The following orders are to be withdrawn: het Melkbesluit (Warenwet) 1974, het Besluit op vaste melkprodukten (Warenwet), het Kaasbesluit (Warenwet) 1981, het Smoltkaasbesluit (Warenwet) 1982, het Kwarkbesluit (Warenwet) en het Warenwetbesluit Warmtebehandelde melk. The draft refers to (EEC) Regulation 1411/71, (EEC) Regulation 1898/87, as well as Directives 76/118/EEC, 79/1067/EEC, 83/417/EEC, 85/503/EEC, 92/46/EEC and 92/47/EEC. In addition, the following pertain to the draft: the STRESA Convention, the "FAO/WHO Code of principles concerning milk and milk products" and the "Compendium of food additive specifications volume 2" (FAO, 1992). Finally: the draft is based on the Warenwet.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 October 1994
10.	Final date for comments: 30 June 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: