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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 Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment
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): Central heating boilers, air heaters and front burners, the nominal load (downward) does not exceed 0.9 mw.
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Measuring Regulation for the Type Approval of Central Heating Boilers in Terms of Air Pollution Caused by Nitrous Oxides
6.	Description of content: The regulation contains the limit values which shall apply until 1 January 1997. These limit values shall depend on the techniques used. In principle, after this date, a limit value shall apply, irrespective of the technique used. Furthermore, the measuring and calculation method (a weighted average) has been stipulated.
7.	Objective and rationale: The Dutch Lower Chamber of the States-General has laid down the control programme regarding acidification. This programme specifies, amongst other things, that the emission of nitrogen oxides by households is to be cut back by an average of 80 per cent. This implies that all household appliances which are used and which, during use, contribute to the emission of nitrogen oxides shall be limited in their emission of such substances. A promotion campaign in favour of central heating boilers with low emission levels has been running for a number of years for central heating boilers with the highest contribution levels. This regulation has been reasonably successful for a number of years, but in order to achieve the required drop, it is to be made impossible to purchase central heating boilers other than those with low emission levels of nitrogen oxides. In fact, this is only possible by banning the sale of central heating boilers which do not meet the requirements. This means that a type approval regulation is vital to achieve this goal, since this contains this particular ban, together with the requirements which new central heating boilers have to satisfy. Furthermore, boilers for small-size companies and offices are subject to 0.9 kw.

8.	Relevant documents: The order for the type approval of central heating boilers in terms of air pollution caused by nitrogen oxides; the Air Pollution Act and the Environmental Management Act.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 May 1995
10.	Final date for comments: 12 January 1995
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: