

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>FRANCE</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Regional Development and the Environment – Directorate for the Prevention of Pollution and Hazards – Industrial Environmental Service Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): -
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Ministerial Order Establishing Approval Procedures for Laboratories or Other Bodies with regard to Certain Kinds of Sampling and Testing for the Emission of Substances into the Atmosphere. (9 pages)
6.	Description of content: Defines approval procedures for laboratories with regard to certain kinds of sampling or testing for the emission of substances into the atmosphere.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: <p>This Draft Order, establishing approval procedure for laboratories with regard to certain kinds of sampling and testing for the emission of substances into the atmosphere, is designed to replace the Order of 7 November 1985 concerning conditions of approval for bodies carrying out emission checks and describes the new approval procedures for laboratories carrying out sampling and measurement of emissions. From 1 January 2002, the granting of approval will depend, firstly, on a laboratory receiving accreditation either from the French Accreditation Committee (COFRAC – Comité Français d'Accreditation) or from any European body signatory to the Multilateral European Cooperation for Accreditation (EA) Agreement and, secondly, on a favourable opinion from the approval commission chaired by the Director for the Prevention of Pollution and Hazards.</p> <p>Its principal objective is to improve the quality of measurements carried out by laboratories or other bodies involved in the periodic checking of emissions from classified plants for the purpose of environmental protection.</p>

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: (cont'd) To date the only approved laboratories are those carrying out measurement of dust emissions. The new approval procedures will also extend the list of pollutants for which laboratories can be approved (heavy metals, dioxins, total volatile organic compounds, ...)
8.	Relevant documents: -
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } 1 October 2000
10.	Final date for comments: 1 September 2000
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: CINORTECH