

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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: State Secretariat for Industry Directorate-General for Energy and Raw Materials Directorate of Raw Materials and Hydrocarbons 97-99 rue de Grenelle Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 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): Light marine diesel fuel
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Order Concerning the Characteristics of Light Marine Diesel Fuel (3 pages)
6.	Description of content: Specifications for light marine diesel fuel, including its sulphur content.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumption of light marine diesel fuel is of the order of 0.4 million tonnes per annum. Pursuant to Directive 99/32/EC, it is necessary to prescribe the sulphur content of marine gas oils. Light marine diesel fuel is one of the types of gas oil; it is not currently covered by French administrative specifications, but by an international standard (NF-ISO-8217). The Order reproduces the main requirements of that Standard, with a limit value for sulphur content in conformity with Directive 99/32/EC.
8.	Relevant documents: Directive 98/34/EC of 22 June 1998; Directive 99/32/EC of 26 April 1999; Decree No. 62-1297 of 7 November 1962; Decree No. 84-74 of 26 January 1984
9.	Proposed date of adoption: June 2000 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 July 2000
10.	Final date for comments: 3 months
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: National enquiry point (CINORTECH)