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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

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

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>COLOMBIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Economic Development Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers and E-mail and Web site addresses, if available) of 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 [X], 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): 73.21.11.10.00, 73.21.11.90.00, 84.19.11.00.00, 84.19.19.10.00 and 84.19.19.90.00
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Resolution No. 0321 of 19 April 2002 Issuing Emergency Technical Regulation RTC-001MDE on Gas Fuel-Fired Domestic Appliances Manufactured or Imported for Use in Colombia (27 pages).
6.	Description of content: Purpose: to prevent health and safety risks and practices likely to mislead users, Scope of application: this regulation covers the following domestic gas appliances manufactured or imported for use in Colombia: cookers, ovens, continuous flow water heaters and storage water heaters, Definitions and abbreviations, Classification of domestic gas appliances, Essential requirements, Specific requirements, Conformity assessment procedure, Demonstration of compliance: prior to marketing, the manufacturers, importers or marketers of the products subject to this technical regulation shall demonstrate their compliance by way of a certificate of conformity issued by a conformity assessment body accredited or recognised by the Superintendency of Industry and Trade, pursuant to Article 8 of Decree No. 2269 of 16 November 1993 and other existing legal provisions, Tariff subheadings, Standards referenced or consulted, Monitoring and inspection body, Penalty system, Period of validity: this technical regulation shall remain in force for twelve (12) months as from its date of publication in the Official Journal.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The Ministry has issued this Emergency Technical Regulation in the light of the high degree of explosiveness and extreme inflammability of the gaseous fuels used to fire domestic gas appliances and the high risk of death by asphyxiation from inhalation of carbon monoxide (CO) gas as a result of incomplete combustion, since it considers it a matter of urgency to protect human, animal and plant life and health and the environment and prevent practices likely to mislead consumers.

8. Relevant documents:

- European standard EN 89:2000 (European Committee for Standardization). Gas-fired storage water heaters for the production of domestic hot water.
- EN 125:1991. Flame supervision devices for gas-burning appliances. Thermoelectric types.
- NTC (Colombian technical standard) 332:1994-07-27. Metal piping. Threads for general purpose piping. Dimensions in inches.
- NTC 888:1997-04-16. Electrical household appliances. Storage water heaters. Installation and required safety devices.
- NTC 1908:1998-11-25. Manually-operated gas valves for appliances, connector valves for appliances and hose end valves.
- NTC 2104:1996-10-23. Metal piping. Pipe threads where pressure-tight joints are made on the threads.
- NTC 2143:1996-08-21. Metal piping. Pipe threads where pressure-tight joints are not made on the threads. Part 1. Dimensions, tolerances and designation.
- NTC 2183:2000-10-25. Safety of household and similar electrical appliances. Part 1: General requirements.
- NTC 2386:1998 (first revision). Safety of household and similar electrical appliances. Specific requirements for cooking ranges, hobs, ovens and similar appliances.
- NTC 2832-1:2001-08-29 (third revision). Cooking appliances. Part 1. Safety requirements.
- NTC 3293: 1995-07-26. Mechanical appliances. Internal pressure regulators for gas-fired equipment.
- NTC 3384:1992-09-16. Mechanical appliances. Thermostats for gas-fired domestic appliances and industrial equipment for similar use.
- NTC 3527:1997-05-28. Definitions and common rules applicable to the testing of gas-fired appliances for domestic and commercial use.
- NTC 3531:1998-06-24. Instantaneous gas water heaters for domestic use. Continuous-flow heaters.
- NTC 3631:1994-07-27. Gas appliances. Ventilation of enclosed areas fitted with gas-fired appliances for domestic, commercial and industrial use.
- NTC 3833:1995-10-18. Gas pipelines. Specifications for the design and installation of evacuation systems for combustion products from gas appliances for domestic, commercial and industrial use.
- Royal Decree No. 1428/92 of the Spanish Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism implementing EC Council Directive 90-396-EEC on appliances burning gaseous fuels.
- Royal Decree No. 276/95 amending Royal Decree No. 1428/92.
- Order of 15 February 1991 of the Spanish Ministry of Industry and Energy amending Supplementary Technical Instructions ITC MIE AG6 and ITC MIE AG11 concerning the Regulations on gas-fired appliances.
- Order of 15 December 1988 of the Spanish Ministry of Industry and Energy approving Supplementary Technical Instructions concerning the Regulations on gas-fired appliances.
- Order of 7 June 1988 of the Spanish Ministry of Industry and Energy approving Supplementary Technical Instructions concerning the Regulations on gas-fired appliances.
- Royal Decree No. 494/88 of the Spanish Ministry of Industry and Energy approving the Regulations on gas-fired appliances.

9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force:	} Not applicable
10.	Final date for comments: Not applicable	
11.	Texts available in Spanish from: National enquiry point [X]: Ministry of Economic Development Department of Trade and Promotion of Competition Carrera 13, No. 28 - 01, 7 th floor Bogotá, D.C., Colombia Tel.: (571) 350-5500, ext. 713 Fax: (571) 350-9564 E-mail: normalizacion01@mindesa.gov.co COLOMBIA@mindesa.gov.co or address, telephone and fax numbers and E-mail and Web site addresses, if available, of other body: Department of Industry Carrera 13, No. 28 - 01, 8 th floor Bogotá, D.C., Colombia Tel.: (571) 350-3950, ext. 870 Fax: (571) 350-5286 E-mail: sectorial@mindesa.gov.co	