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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>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, 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 [X], 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): (a) Gas Cylinders and Containers (with water volume capacity of more than 300cc), valves and safety valves as their parts, (b) Gas tanks and tank lorries
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: High Pressure Gas Safety Control Act (available in Korean, Article 5-2, 29 pages)
6.	Description of content: Manufacturer approval aims to prevent possible gas accidents caused by high pressure gas containers imported from unverified foreign manufacturers and to have all gas cylinders distributed in Korea conform to domestic standards. In this context, only foreign manufacturers whose manufacturing and inspection capabilities have been verified are allowed to obtain manufacturer approval and export their products to Korea.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human life
8.	Relevant documents: The Act: Government Gazette No. 6676 of March 25, 2002 (available in Korean) The enforcement decree and ordinance: Government Gazette No. 17682 of July 24, 2002 (available in Korean)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 25 March 2002 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 July 2003
10.	Final date for comments: 16 June 2003

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:

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