

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: Ministry for 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 [X], 2.10.1 [X], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [X], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Turbines, engines and afterburning equipment in installations with a total power exceeding 20 MWth
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Ministerial Order for the Reduction of Polluting Emissions from Combustion Engines and Turbines and Boilers used in Afterburning, Subject to Authorization under Heading 2910 (15 pages)
6.	Description of content: Limit values on emissions into the atmosphere of the main pollutants (SO ₂ , NO _x , COV, CO, HAP and heavy metals).
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The draft order appears in a context in which the impact of atmospheric pollution on public health and on the environment is becoming a subject of priority concern to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Public opinion, sensitized by recurrent pollution peaks of ozone, nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and sulphur dioxide (SO₂) in the great urban centres and near industrial sites, and by the long-term degradation of ecosystems (greenhouse effect, acidification of waters and soils, eutrophication, etc.); and- European and United Nations decision-making bodies which are devising ambitious policies to control the phenomena of transboundary pollution. Examples that may be cited are the Community programme for combating acidification of waters and soils and photochemical pollution, which requires of the member States a major reduction in emissions of the corresponding pollutants (NO_x, SO₂, NH₃ and COV) and the programme of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (EEC) which provides for the establishment of a protocol to control all the phenomena of transboundary pollution.
8.	Relevant documents:
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 1 September 1999 Proposed date of entry into force:
10.	Final date for comments: 1 August 1999
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: (CINORTECH)