

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 [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): Petrol station pumps
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Decree on the Reduction of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) in connection with the Fuelling of Motor Vehicles in Petrol Stations (11 pages)
6.	Description of content: This decree concerns new petrol stations with a throughput of between 500m ³ /year and 3000m ³ /year of petrol. It establishes the technical provisions concerning vapour recovery systems for these installations to ensure 80 per cent efficiency, as well as for periodic equipment checks.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: <p>Since the Geneva Protocol (November 1991), it has been confirmed that COV emissions contribute to formation of tropospheric ozone and photochemical pollution.</p> <p>While COV emissions in the petrol distribution chain from terminals to petrol stations are covered by a European directive, there is no Community regulation concerning COV emissions during the fuelling of motor vehicles in petrol stations.</p> <p>A number of European countries have drawn up specific national regulations in this area. In France, the Law of 31 December 1996 on air and rational use of energy first imposed the need to reduce COV emissions on new and existing petrol stations with a throughput in excess of 3000m³/year. This decree supplements the provisions of that law for new petrol stations with the throughput of between 500m³/year and 3000m³/year.</p>
8.	Relevant documents:
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } 1 October 1999

10.	Final date for comments: 1 October 1999
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] (CINORTECH) or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: