

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 of Industry Direction Générale de l'Energie et des Matières Premières Direction des Matières Premières et des Hydrocarbures 97-99, rue de Grenelle 75353 Paris 07 SP 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): Fuel for vehicles to replace leaded petrol
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Order on Specifications for Premium Fuel (3 pages)
6.	Description of content: Specifications for Premium Fuel
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumption of leaded fuel is now around 4.5 MT/year. In accordance with Article 3.1 of Directive 98/70/EC, leaded petrol is prohibited as from 1 January 2000. Because of the number of automobiles whose engine valves need protection, estimated to be at least 1.1 million vehicles built before 1987 on 1 January 2000, as well as the needs of some two-wheeled vehicles, outboard motors and garden machines, it is necessary to replace leaded fuel by a fuel containing a potassium additive with valve anti-detonating properties. This Order lists the specifications for the fuel called "premium fuel".
8.	Relevant documents: Directive 98/34/EC of 22 June 1998; Directive 98/70/EC of 13 October 1998; Decree No. 62-1297 of 7 November 1962; Decree No. 84-74 of 26 January 1984; Order of 1 March 1976; Order of 24 January 1994; Order of 26 May 1999.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: October 1999 Proposed date of entry into force: 15 November 1999

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10.	Final date for comments: 3 months
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: (CINORTECH)