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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: (a) General Secretariat of the Interministerial Committee for Questions of European Economic Cooperation, 2 boulevard Diderot, 75012 Paris Interministerial Director for Standards, 22 rue Monge, 75005 Paris (b) Sub-Directorate of Industrial Safety, Gas and Pressure Appliances Department, 22 rue Monge, 75005 Paris 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 [], 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): Certain gas pressure appliances
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Order and Draft Decision Concerning the Construction and Use of Certain Gas Pressure Appliances of Composite Materials (The draft Order is 5 pages and the draft Decision 1 page.)
6.	Description of content:
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The purpose of the Order is to specify the requirements for the design, manufacture and use of certain gas pressure appliances of composite materials (gas cylinders and gas tanks for motor vehicles). These provisions ensure the safety of such equipment at the national level, pending the entry into force of European Community provisions currently in preparation, more particularly in regard to the transport of dangerous goods and the safety of vehicles driven by national gas.
8.	Relevant documents: The draft Order and the draft Decision.

9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: France wishes to bring these regulations into force as quickly as possible.
10.	Final date for comments: 1 October 1998
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: See item 2