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Order concerning the reduction in emissions of volatile organic compounds during motor-vehicle petrol refuelling at service stations.

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

FRANCE

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4. Notification Number

1999/0374/F

5. Title

Order concerning the reduction in emissions of volatile organic compounds during motor-vehicle petrol refuelling at service stations.

6. Products Concerned

Petrol pumps at service stations.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

This order concerns new service stations with a petrol output of between 500 m³/year and 3000 m³/year inclusive. It lays down technical provisions for such installations concerning petrol vapour recovery systems in order to guarantee an efficiency of 80%.

It also lays down the procedures for periodic monitoring of such equipment.



9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The Geneva protocol(November 1991) states that emissions of volatile organic compounds contribute to the formation of tropospheric ozone and photochemical pollution.

Although emissions of volatile organic compounds in the petrol distribution chain of service-station outlets have been the subject of a European Directive, there are no Community regulations concerning emissions of volatile organic compounds during motor-vehicle petrol refuelling at service stations.

Several European countries have drawn up specific national regulations in this area. In France, the Act of 31 December 1996 on air and the rational use of energy has brought about the need to limit emissions of volatile organic compounds at new and existing service stations with a petrol output of more than 3000 m³/year. This Order supplements the work of the Act on air for new service stations with an output of between 500 m³/year and 3000 m³/year.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Base texts: Amended Act no. 76-663 of 19 July 1976 concerning installations which are classified in order to protect the environment.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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