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**Draft instruction amending the instruction of 23 December 1976 relating to studies and tests on containers for acetone-dissolved acetylene, for the purposes of their approval in accordance with Article 21 of the Order of 23 July 1943.**

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**6. Products Concerned**

Containers for acetylene.

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

The amending draft instruction contains 21 points, the aims  
of which are set out below:

a) Points 2, 3, 5, 8, 16 and 21  
Administrative update

b) Points 1, 4, 9, 13, 14 and 15  
Extension of the scope of the instruction to include  
containers in which acetylene is dissolved in a solvent



other than acetone.

c) Point 4

Extension of the scope of the instruction to include containers whose volume is less than 31 and containers whose volume is greater than 651 while being limited to 1501.

d) Points 6, 10, 12, 18 and 19

Broadening of the idea of the type of container.

e) Points 7 and 17

Strengthening of controls on containers manufactured by welding, taking into account the broadening of the idea of the type of container.

f) Points 4 and 11

Extension of the scope of the instruction to include containers for acetylene which are used in French overseas départements.

g) Point 20

The specific case of the renewal of approval for existing containers whose manufacture has been abandoned. Provisions which do not appear in the original instruction.

### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The aims of this draft amending the instruction of 23 December 1976 are the following:

- to harmonise French approval procedures for containers for acetylene with current practice in Europe, as defined by:
  - ISO standard 3807 of 1977,
  - CEN draft standard drawn up by the ad hoc CEN/TC 23/SC 3/WG 1 A.
- to fill the legal hole which exists for containers for acetylene used in French overseas départements.

### 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Decree of 18 January in the course of amendment for the incorporation, in its Article 6 a), of the principle of mutual recognition (see reply by the French authorities to the Commission's Note N° 003232 of 15 January 1993 and the enclosed draft).

Order of 23 July 1943.

Instruction of 23 December 1976.

### 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure



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**12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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