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2. Member State

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3. Department Responsible

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6. Products Concerned

Installations for the storage of chemical products.

7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

This involves the revision of all existing legislation in Spain, including the supplementary technical instructions, on installations for the storage of chemical products and the development of new supplementary technical instructions for the storage of toxic liquids.

This revision has been approached on the basis of two general basic criteria. On the one hand, adaptation to the new technological developments which have taken place and to the new legal framework, and, on the other hand, a cosmetic treatment making it possible to render the regulation and its various supplementary technical instructions more user-friendly by combining, as far as possible, the different sections of each of the two types of supplementary technical instructions, that is, on products and on hazards.

Article 10 of the regulation lays down a mutual recognition clause as a safeguard to the free movement of products legally manufactured or marketed in other Member States of the Union, or originating in one of the EFTA Member States, signatories to the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The administrative situation which has arisen from the incorporation of Spain into the European Union, the recognition of the status of the Autonomous Regions and the introduction of the Industry Act has led to changes in the legal implementing framework. It has therefore become necessary to revise the regulation on chemical products. Furthermore, the experience which has been acquired from the application of the supplementary technical instructions has given rise to the detection of various omissions, or rather to possibilities for improving the current wording.

On the other hand, the supplementary technical instruction MIE APQ-7 has been drawn up with the aim of establishing technical specifications for safety, with which installations for the storage of toxic liquids must comply.

10. -	Reference	Document	is - Basic	lexts
11. NO	Invocation	of the Em	ergency F	Procedure

12. Grounds for the Emergency

13. Confidentiality NO

14. Fiscal measures NO

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