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Order on the characteristics of supergrade petrol

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Order on the characteristics of supergrade petrol

6. Products Concerned

Motor-vehicle fuel replacing leaded petrol

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

Specifications for supergrade petrol

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Consumption of leaded petrol is currently around 4.5 MT/year. In conformance with article 3.1 of Directive 98/70/EC leaded petrol will be abolished on 1 January 2000. Given the number of automobiles whose engines require valve protection, estimated for 1 January 2000 to be at least 1.1 million vehicles built before 1987, as well as the needs of certain two-wheel vehicles, outboard motors and gardening machinery, it appears necessary to replace leaded petrol with a fuel containing a potassium additive to combat valve deterioration. This Order lays down the specifications for this fuel, known as "supergrade".

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) List of reference texts (transmission record)

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



11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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