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Draft Royal Decree adopting the supplementary technical instruction MIE-APQ-8, on the 'storage of ammonium nitrate-based fertilisers with a high nitrogen content'.

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Message 002

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Installations for the storage of ammonium nitrate-based fertilisers.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The aim is to lay down technical safety requirements with which installations for the storage of solid ammonium nitrate-based fertilisers with a high nitrogen content must comply.

The supplementary technical instruction, in addition to other conditions, lays down the minimum distance that must exist between these installations and public communication routes, places where the manufacturer's own staff are located, houses or housing agglomerations, and places where the public are concentrated.

Requirements are laid down in this supplementary technical instruction to prevent the decomposition of the fertiliser and to amend the nitrogen content to less than 31.5 %.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Accidents that have taken place in installations where ammonium nitrate is manufactured at the AZF plant in Toulouse, France, and in storage sites for the Fertiberia company in Valle de Escombreras, Murcia, have highlighted the need to regulate, for safety reasons, the installations where ammonium nitrate-based fertilisers with a high nitrogen content are stored and handled, given the risk of fires and explosions existing in such installations.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Regulation on the storage of chemical products, the text of which was submitted with Notification No 1999/564/E

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No



14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

No

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT-NO

SPS-NO

The draft shall have no noticeable effect on international trade.

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