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Order relating to the monitoring of operational cold-water meters

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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 relating to the monitoring of operational cold-water
meters

6. Products Concerned

All network and basic water supply cold-water meters used for
a commercial transaction.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The text specifies the metrological monitoring methods for operational cold-water meters and particularly the periodic checking of them. This period is 9 years for class 1 new water meters, 12 years for class B meters and 15 years for class C meters. This provision is justified by the fact that French regulations do not enforce anything with regard to the metrological class of operational meters. As class A corresponds to the weakest authorised dynamic level, it has been decided that the requirements corresponding to class A will apply to all classes regarding periodic checking. This has led to the admission that class C meters retain the minimal required quality (class A) longer than class A meters. The same applies for class B meters, in a smaller proportion. The following checks take place every 7 years whatever the class. Stocks of meters may be checked on the



basis of a statistical inspection attributing to them an acceptable level of quality of 8%. Stocks for which distributors have installed a quality assurance system which guarantees that their stock is of an equivalent quality as that which would have been established by one of the preceding methods may be exempted from the periodic checks.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Collective water conveyance networks have progressively over the last 30 years been equipped with water meters and it must be ensured as a matter of urgency that these meters count correctly or that they have been replaced.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

List of reference texts: Decree No. 88-682 of 6 May 1988
Decree No. 76-130 of 29 January 1976, Order of 1 March 1990.
As the Decree of 6 May 1988 and the Order of 1 March 1990 have been specified in recent notifications, they are not enclosed (Notification 96/0230/F).

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

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