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**2. Member State**

Spain

**3. Department Responsible**

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**5. Title**

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**6. Products Concerned**

Inspection holes in fuel tanks.

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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## **8. Main Content**

In implementation of the provisions of the ADR, a constructive standard is laid down on manholes and inspection holes for fuel tank safety.

Article 3 lays down the mutual recognition clause to safeguard the free movement of goods and merchandise.

## **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

The reason is that 80% of accidental fuel leaks from tanks are due to the deficient construction of inspection holes and manholes.

## **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

ADR 99.- European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road.

## **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

No.

## **12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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## **13. Confidentiality**

No.

## **14. Fiscal measures**

No.

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