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Draft order amending the order of 17 March 1978 on the pressurisation of gas for transport containers.

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Containers used for the transportation of solid, pasty or liquid products which have one or more openings which are sealed by means of movable covers and may be pressurised, particularly during decanting.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The original order was adopted following serious accidents, often fatal, which occurred when the cover was removed with the container still under pressure.

The proposed amendment aims to achieve the following objectives:

- To define in the clearest possible way the concept of the movable and rapidly closing cover, using the terms of the order of 16 December 1980 on steam equipment, already known to the Commission.
- To reduce the minimum number of reference openings to the open air to one per sealed compartment. It has previously been one per cover.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The reasoning behind the first objective is obvious. The aim of the second is to satisfy a particular request by users (transporting chemical products, cement or flour in bulk). The latter argued in particular that the large number of reference taps to the open air causes problems during maintenance: cleaning is difficult, and there is a risk of polluting the product being transported with traces of the previous product, and also frequent blockages (with pulverulent or pasty substances).



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The provisions envisaged are also such as to guarantee a level of safety equal to that resulting from the present situation.

- **10. Reference Documents Basic Texts** Order of 17 March 1978.
- 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure No
- 12. Grounds for the Emergency

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