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Draft Order amending the amended Order of 23 December 1999 on the characteristics of unleaded premium-grade petrol

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

The amendment concerns the maximum content of oxygen and oxygenic compounds contained in unleaded premium-grade petrol, initially set at 5% by volume for ethanol, 2.7% by mass for oxygen and 15% by volume for ethers, and is now amended to 10% by volume for ethanol, 3.7% by mass for oxygen and 20% by volume for ETBE (the content for other oxygenic compounds with more than 5 carbon atoms remains unchanged).

7. Notification Under Another Act

d) Annex I to Directive 98/70/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 1998 relating to the quality of petrol and diesel fuels and Table 2 of Standard NF EN 228 of January 2000 (Unleaded petrol) laying down the requirements and test methods for unleaded petrol placed on the market specify the following values:

Parameters	Unit of measure	Limits
	Minimum	Maximum

Oxygen content: % (m/m) - 2.7

Oxygenic compound content: % (V/V)

– Ethanol - 5

– Ether (5 or more C atoms) - 15

8. Main Content

The amended Order of 23 December 1999 referred to above authorises the incorporation of 5% by volume of ethanol and 15% by volume of ethyl tertiary butyl ether (ETBE) in unleaded premium-grade petrol, which corresponds to 3.29% by LCV and 5.86% by LCV respectively. In order to achieve a level of 7% by LCV for ethanol and ETBE in unleaded premium-grade petrol (which is France's goal for 2010), it is necessary to incorporate 10.65% by volume of ethanol and 17.93% by volume of ETBE. It is therefore proposed that 10% by volume of ethanol and 20% by volume of ETBE be authorised for incorporation into unleaded premium-grade petrol.

Keywords: Biofuels, ethanol, ETBE.



9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Coordinating Act No 2005-781 of 13 July 2005 setting out guidelines for French energy policy sets the indicative objective of a 5.75% by LCV admixture of biofuels in traditional fuels as provided for by Directive 2003/30/EC by 31 December 2008 and sets a target of 7% by LCV for 31 December 2010. These figures are repeated in Article 19 of the Initial Finance Act for 2006, which provides for a tax to promote the incorporation of biofuels in diesel oil and in unleaded premium-grade petrol. This tax shall be payable by those operators who make use of a proportion of biofuel below a minimum level.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) The Coordinating Act No 2005-781 of 13 July 2005 laying down guidelines for French energy policy.

Amended Order of 23 December 1999 on the characteristics of unleaded premium-grade petrol.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

a) No

14. Fiscal measures

b) No

15. Impact assessment

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect (Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade)

a) No

iii) The draft does not have any notable impact on international trade.

SPS aspect (Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures)

a) No

i) The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure pursuant to Annex A to the SPS Agreement.

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