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# Draft Royal Decree adopting the safety regulations for refrigeration installations and their complementary technical instructions

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# Message

Message 002

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késéseket - Ma' jiftaħx il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Мääräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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#### 1. Structured Information Line

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#### 2. Member State

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# 3. Department Responsible

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#### 4. Notification Number

2018/0458/E - B20

#### 5. Title

Draft Royal Decree adopting the safety regulations for refrigeration installations and their complementary technical instructions

#### 6. Products Concerned

Refrigeration and air-conditioning installations.

#### 7. Notification Under Another Act

#### 8. Main Content

The draft Royal Decree consists of a preamble, one article, six additional provisions, six transitional provisions, one repealing provision and three final provisions.

The planned regulatory structure includes one set of regulations, which contains the general standards, and several sets of complementary technical instructions, which lay down the specific technical requirements deemed necessary in accordance with current technology for the safety of persons and property.

The draft contains the following complementary technical instructions:

- **IF-01 Terminology**
- IF-02 Refrigerant classes
- IF-03 Refrigeration system classes
- IF-04 Use of the various refrigerants
- IF-05 Design, construction, materials and insulation used for refrigeration components
- IF-06 Installation components
- IF-07 Special machinery room, design and construction
- IF-08 Overpressure protection for installations
- IF-09 Trials, tests and checks prior to commissioning
- IF-10 Markings and documentation
- IF-11 Cold-store chambers, artificial atmosphere chambers, refrigerated processing facilities
- IF-12 Electrical installations
- IF-13 Minimum technical requirements for authorisation as a refrigeration business
- IF-14 Periodic maintenance, checks and inspections of refrigeration installations
- IF-15 Commissioning refrigeration installations
- IF-16 Personal protection measures
- IF-17 Handling refrigerants and reducing leaks in refrigeration installations
- IF-18 Pipe identification and symbols to be used in refrigeration installation diagrams
- IF-19 Refrigeration engineers: core competencies to be certified by accredited certification bodies

IF-20 Thermal installations in buildings with primary circuits in compact equipment that uses refrigerants of groups 2 and 3 special conditions

IF-21 List of reference UNE standards

#### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The aim of the draft is to bring safety regulations for refrigeration installations in line with the new refrigerant classes applicable in the EU, creating a new group of refrigerants, 2L, to allow slightly flammable refrigerants with low global warming potentials (R-32 and HFO) to be used in air-conditioning units. The draft also aims to improve the regulations by taking into account the technological advances and experience gained from the practical application of the current regulations.

# 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Reference(s) to basic text(s): Royal Decree 138/2011 of 4 February 2011 adopting the safety regulations for refrigeration installations and their complementary technical instructions

The basic texts were forwarded with an earlier notification: 2009/421/E

# 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

### 12. Grounds for the Emergency

#### 13. Confidentiality

No

# 14. Fiscal measures

No

#### 15. Impact assessment

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# 16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - the draft has no significant impact on international trade.

SPS aspect

No - the draft has no significant impact on international trade.

No - the draft is neither a sanitary nor phytosanitary measure.

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