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Order adopting the provisions amending the safety regulation to counter the outbreak of fire and panic in establishments open to the public.

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Order adopting the provisions amending the safety regulation to counter the outbreak of fire and panic in establishments open to the public.



6. Products Concerned

Gas pipelines made from synthetic material

- combustion heating equipment
- specialised units or containers for cooking appliances

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

Adaptation of the Construction and Housing Code, and of the fire safety regulation for tall buildings (French abbreviation: IGH), for existing residential buildings

- inclusion of multimedia activities and "mini-crèches" in the safety regulation
- introduction of the concept of pipes made from synthetic material in the articles relating to heating
- amendment of the inspection period for marquees, tents and structures ("CTS" establishments [chapiteaux, tentes et structures])

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

These amendments are included in the fire safety regulation for establishments open to the public. This text contains a mutual recognition clause for standards or specifications from other Member States of the European Union or the European Economic Area.

Signposting in corridors - Amendment of Articles CO 42 and PE 34.

This amendment inserts the reference standard directly into the text and specifies the use of colours. The three signals which are excluded from use pose an problem with regard to interpretation by the public and were subject to the competent CEN/TC.

Smoke extraction in kitchens - Amendment of Articles GC 14 and GC 15.

The amendment of the obligations in the area of hygienic ventilation in kitchens leads to amendment of the safety regulation so that only one appliance is permitted to guarantee extraction of contaminated air and evacuation of smoke from fire.

Within this framework, the safety regulation lays down the conditions for installing extractors and the characteristics of flues.

Signposting for concealed extinguishing devices - Amendment of Articles MS 72 and PE 26.

The concealment or arrangement of fire-fighting equipment in buildings open to the public can make them difficult to see. Consequently, a regulation signalling system is likely to aid location of these safety devices.

Use of meeting rooms - Amendment of Articles L 1, L 3 and PE 2.

The development of communication tools and teaching methods leads to the creation of meeting rooms with multimedia tools connected to the Internet, which do not have the characteristics of theatres.

Consequently, since there is no similar activity found in the regulation, the methods of calculating the number of



people are defined specifically.

Use of shops - Amendment of Articles M 8 and M 10.

With changing sales techniques, large commercial areas are tending to create sales areas which recreate the conditions of a small specialist shop (jewellery, clothing etc.).

Amendment of the articles specific to these establishments aims to define the rules for setting up these small areas (width of passages, area limits).

Articles M 42 and M 50.

Articles M 42 and M 50 specify the limits for displaying and storing flammable liquids in shops.

These two articles (M 42(2) and M 50(4)) specify that the volume of category 2 flammable liquids and alcohol more than 40° proof but less than or equal to 60° proof is only counted as a third of its actual volume.

This concept of a third was based on the coefficient of 3 adopted under heading No 253 of the list of classified installations (amended Order of 19 July 1976). However, it appears that heading No 253 was replaced by heading No 1430 and that the coefficient of 3 was increased to 5.

Also, in order to guarantee coherence between fire safety rules, we propose to increase the reduction coefficient to 5 for the volume of category 2 flammable liquids and alcohol more than 40° proof but less than or equal to 60° proof, compared to category 1 flammable liquids whose authorised volume was limited by the text.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Amended Order of 25 June 1980 adopting the general provisions of the safety regulation to counter the risk of fire and panic in establishments open to the public (already sent to the Commission)

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

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14. Fiscal measures

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