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## **Draft order modifying the order of 2 August 1977 relating to the technical and safety rules applicable to combustible-gas and liquefied-hydrocarbon installations situated inside residential buildings or their dependencies.**

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**5. Title**

Draft order modifying the order of 2 August 1977 relating to  
the technical and safety rules applicable to combustible-gas  
and liquefied-hydrocarbon installations situated inside  
residential buildings or their dependencies.

**6. Products Concerned**

Piping, links and apparatus of use comprising the  
combustible-gas installations situated inside residential  
buildings or their outbuildings.

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

Article 2 of the draft order modifying the order of 2 August  
1977 comprises 52 points, among which one must distinguish as  
being the main point:

- 1) technical prescriptions relating to the apparatus:
  - point 1, in envisaging the possibility of regarding as  
equivalent to a French standard any standard coming  
from an EEC Member State, places the order of 2 August  
1977 in agreement with recent developments of French  
regulation, notably those of the orders of 14 August  
1991 having to do with the assimilation of the EEC  
Directive 90/396 regarding gas apparatus.,
  - points 4 and 50 introduce, in a gradual manner (1/1/94  
and 1/1/95) for different types of apparatus, the  
obligation to satisfy the essential requirement cited  
in point 3-4-3 of Appendix I of the EEC Directive  
90/396, which in any event will have to be respected by  
all new apparatus starting on 1/1/96.,
  - point 29 introduces the obligation for gas ovens to  
satisfy the essential requirement 3-2-2 of Appendix I  
of the EEC Directive 90/396.,



- point 33 makes it specifically forbidden after the publication of the order to install a water heater that is not linked up in a room situated in a central position and thus deprived of openings leading directly to the outside of the building.,
  - point 38 reinforces the restrictions on hot-water distribution if the latter is supplied by a water heater that is not linked up., thus from 1/1/94 onwards, it will be forbidden to supply a shower from any such apparatus if a new or modified installation is involved.,
- 2) provisions relating to the linking up of apparatus to the gas:
- point 26 proclaims that in the course of time, all new installations will have to be equipped with release devices that automatically insure the cut-off of the supply from its pipe linking it to the installation.,
  - point 27 authorises a gas link-up of certain apparatus via flexible metal pipes having mechanical terminals.,
  - it is proclaimed in point 28 that in the course of time it will be forbidden to use flexible pipes mounted onto rubber junction-joints for supplying domestic cooking appliances.,
- 3) regulations concerning heating installations:
- point 15 authorises the supply of heaters by pipes crossing parking lots and lays down the conditions under which the latter must then be constructed.,
  - points 33 and 40 to 45 modify the prescriptions of articles 15 and 18 of the order of 2 August 1977 to take into consideration regulatory developments relating to the ventilation of living quarters (order of 24 March 1982) and of new techniques such as condensation heaters and of airtight appliances with roof outlets.
- 4) several provisions that reiterate a part of the terms of a ministerial circular dated 8 May 1980 bearing comments of the order of 2 August 1977.

## 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The aims pursued on the occasion of this important modification of the order of 2 August 1977 are three in number:

- to reinforce the safety of installations using combustible gas,
- to anticipate certain requirements of the EEC Directive 90/396,
- to complete the text while integrating into it a part of the provisions contained previously in a circular and to adapt it while taking into consideration certain regulatory and technical developments.

## 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts



Order of 2 August 1977  
Circular DM - CSSI no. 597 of 8 May 1980

**11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

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**12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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