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The Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 199- and Approved Code of Practice/Guidance (ACoP).

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2. Member State

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3. Department Responsible

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3. Originating Department

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4. Notification Number

98/0175/UK

5. Title

The Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 199- and Approved Code of Practice/Guidance (ACoP).

6. Products Concerned

Gas Appliances and fittings installed in domestic and commercial premises. Indirect affect also on certain products where these appliances/fittings are installed, eg caravans and inland waterway craft.

7. Notification Under Another Act

Council Directive 90/396/EEC 'the Gas Appliances Directive'.

8. Main Content

A. The draft proposals aim to revise existing Regulations, and are primarily concerned with safe installation, maintenance and use of gas fittings and appliances in domestic and commercial property, including offices and public buildings (safety of gas appliances placed on the market is covered by separate Regulations implementing Council Directive 90/396/EEC).

The main aim is to reduce incidents of gas leaks or carbon

monoxide poisoning from badly installed and/or poorly maintained gas appliances and flues which historically have accounted for around 30 deaths every year in Great Britain. Both 'software' controls (eg on competence of installers, safety notices and test procedures), and 'hardware' measures (eg concerning safe installation of gas systems/appliances) are included.

The proposals cover certain caravans and inland waterway craft, and place new duties on manufacturers to ensure that gas fittings in caravans/craft are safely installed. The ACoP refers to appropriate standards' and makes clear that this includes a British Standard or equivalent European Union standard, code or specification.

Recognition has been given in the Approved Code of Practice/Guidance of equivalent standards and testing - see 8 above.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 83/189/EEC (as amended) when these Regulations are officially published.



B. The United Kingdom would like to be informed by other Member States of their own standards or regulations offering an equivalent level of safety.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The new Regulations and ACoP/guidance are mainly required to consolidate, clarify and update existing provisions, eg recognising new working practices which accompanied the introduction of competition into the GB domestic gas supply market. They also tighten controls in certain areas, eg on instantaneous water heaters, following recent incidents.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

i. Health and Safety Commission (HSC) Consultative Document (CD) 'Proposals for revised Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 199-'. Paper summarising revised proposals, following public consultation on CD.

ii. No

iii. N/A.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

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