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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Pressure vessels

7. Notification Under Another Act

Directive 97/23/EC of 29 May 1997

8. Main Content

The purpose of the notified draft is

- on the one hand, to transpose into national law Directive 97/23/EC of 29 May 1997,
- and, on the other, to update French legislation regarding safety requirements to be met by pressure vessels where these are used at users' premises.

The notified decree shall replace the decree of 2 April 1926

on steam pressure vessels and the decree of 18 January 1943
on gas pressure vessels, which currently constitute the basis
for French legislation on pressure vessels.

The draft decree concerns all pressure vessels covered by
Directive 97/23/EC. It also concerns:



- simple pressure vessels covered by Directive 87/404/EEC,
- pressure vessels specially designed for nuclear applications,
- pipes for the transport of superheated water,
- pressurised casings surrounding high-voltage electrical appliances.

Regarding the last two categories of pressure vessels, the draft decree contains a clause of mutual equivalence with regard to the laws of the other Member States of the European Economic Area.

Title I contains the definitions and scope. Title II transposes Directive 97/23/EC. Title III contains the safety and inspection requirements to be met by pressure vessels used at users' premises. Title IV defines the procedures for authorisation of inspection organisations. Title V contains various provisions such as penalties and conditions for entry into force, etc.

A more detailed outline of this draft decree is enclosed.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The draft decree is mainly justified by the need to transpose Directive 97/23/EC of 29 May 1997.

In order to do so, the French authorities have decided to

completely replace all current French legislation on pressure vessels. Consequently, the draft decree not only integrates the provisions of the Directive that relate to the placing on the market of pressure vessels but also defines the general means for inspecting equipment used at users' premises.

The precise conditions relating to implementation of these inspections (e.g. the frequency of periodic approval renewals and the precise list of equipment subject to these inspections) shall be defined in implementing orders to be notified in due course.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Law of 28 October 1943

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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