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## **Decree on technical provisions applicable to pipework for the transport, distribution and storage of natural gas and to liquefied natural gas installations and implementing Articles 21 and 22 of Act No 2003-8 of 3 January 2003.**

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### **Message**

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#### **5. Title**

Decree on technical provisions applicable to pipework for the transport, distribution and storage of natural gas and to liquefied natural gas installations and implementing Articles 21 and 22 of Act No 2003-8 of 3 January 2003.

#### **6. Products Concerned**

Technical provisions on the design and operation of pipework for the transport and distribution of natural gas.

#### **7. Notification Under Another Act**

d) Other Directive or Regulation: Directive 98/30 of 22 June 1998 concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas

#### **8. Main Content**

This draft decree aims to define the framework and rules for the gas operators in drawing up their technical provisions on the design and operation of pipework for the transport and distribution of natural gas, including with regard to connection to gas reservoirs and to liquefied natural gas installations. These rules stipulate that the draft provisions must be subject to consultation with any interested party or body and with the competent French authority as regards gas standardisation. The decree also lays down rules and procedures to be complied with if the operator substantially amends its technical provisions.

#### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

This draft text meets the need to draw up transparent, objective and non-discriminatory technical regulations on the design and operation of the gas transport and distribution network. The mechanism put in place will also make it possible to ensure the interoperability of the European gas networks.

#### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

The main national texts are as follows:

- Act No 2003-8 of 3 January 2003 on the gas and electricity markets and on the public energy service (Articles 21 and 22);
- Decree No 85-1108 of 15 October 1985 as amended by Decree No 2003-944 of 3 October 2003 on the system of transporting gas through pipework;
- Decree No 99-278 of 12 April 1999 implementing Article 50 of Act No 98-546 of 2 July 1998 on the provision of gas.

#### **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

YES



## 12. Grounds for the Emergency

The urgency arises from the fact that the publication of the decree is essential in order to ensure the complete transposal of the Directive on the internal market in gas.

## 13. Confidentiality

No

## 14. Fiscal measures

No

## 15. Impact assessment

Impact assessment

b) The impact assessment is enclosed.

## 16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT and SPS aspects (Agreements drawn up within the framework of the WTO)

TBT aspect (Agreement on technical barriers to trade)

a) No

iii) The draft does not have any notable impact on international trade.

SPS Aspect (Agreement on sanitary and phytosanitary measures)

a) No

i) The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure pursuant to Annex A to the SPS Agreement.

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