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## **Draft Order approximating the French regulations concerning pressure vessels of the Agreement concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods by road or rail (RID/ADR).**

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**5. Title**

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pressure vessels of the Agreement concerning the  
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**6. Products Concerned**

Mobile and semi-mobile gas pressure vessels.

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

The Order exists to amend the French regulations relating to  
gas pressure vessels by replacing the current provisions with  
those in the RID/ADR regulations concerning the use and  
relabelling of containers (bottles, tubes, etc defined in the



marginal notes 211/2211) containing class 2 products:  
compressed liquid or dissolved gases.

This amendment makes it necessary to adapt the conditions for use and relabelling of equipment which is subject to the following statutory French texts:

- Order of 23 July 1943 concerning gas pressure vessels which does not contain special provisions,
- Order of 21 September 1978 relating to double thickness material used in cryogenics,
- Order of 26 October 1981 introducing a special clause on refilling of liquid petroleum gas cylinders,
- Order of 9 February 1982 concerning welded cylinders,
- Orders of 20 February 1985 and 18 November 1986, bringing the provisions adopted for steel diving cylinders into line with all metal diving cylinders,
- Orders of 11 March 1986 concerning European steel, aluminium or alloy and steel welded cylinders,
- Orders of 14 December 1989 concerning single pressure tanks.

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

In application of European Directives 94/55/EC and 96/49/EC this amendment supplements the integration of the RID/ADR regulations into the French regulations concerning transport containers as defined in point 8 above in order to bring French practices into line with European practices.

Two Directives (94/55/EC and 96/49/EC) stipulate in article 6 - § 4 that Member States may keep their national provisions in force for class 2 equipment "until references to construction and use standards are added with the same mandatory force as the present Directives...and up until 31 December 1998 at the latest".

Without waiting for this expiry date, the French authorities wish to anticipate the integration of these provisions concerning the conditions for use and relabelling for containers defined in point 8 above pending the establishment of all the legislation concerning these materials, particularly with regard to the provisions relating to design.

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

- a) the amendments to the various Orders below are appended in Annex 1.
- b) the text in Annex 2 is shown in two columns. The left-hand column shows the original text and the right-hand column the amended text.

#### **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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