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Decree concerning the reduction in emissions of volatile organic compounds during vehicle refuelling at service stations.

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

France

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Decree concerning the reduction in emissions of volatile organic compounds during vehicle refuelling at service stations.

6. Products Concerned

Petrol pumps at service stations.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

This decree concerns new and existing service stations with a petrol output of more than 3000 m³/year. It requires that such installations are fitted with petrol vapour recovery systems with an efficiency of 80%. The schedule for complying with the decree extends up to 30 June 2001.



9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The Geneva protocol(November 1991) states that emissions of volatile organic compounds contribute to the formation of tropospheric ozone and photochemical pollution.

Although emissions of volatile organic compounds in the petrol distribution chain of service-station outlets have been the subject of a European Directive, there are no Community regulations concerning emissions of volatile organic compounds during motor-vehicle petrol refuelling at service stations.

Several European countries have drawn up specific national regulations in this area. In France, the Act of 31 December 1996 on air and the rational use of energy has brought about the need to limit emissions of volatile organic compounds.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Base texts: Act no. 96-1236 of 31 December 1996 on air and the rational use of energy.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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