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## **Draft order amending the Order of 11 May 1970 on the safety legislation of supply vessels for combustible gas by pipelines.**

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**4. Notification Number**

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**5. Title**

Draft order amending the Order of 11 May 1970 on the safety legislation of supply vessels for combustible gas by pipelines.

**6. Products Concerned**

Supply pipelines for combustible gas.

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

This draft Order is intended mainly to:



a) authorise the use of polyethylene to supply pipelines for combustible gas up to a pressure of 10 bar;  
b) introduce in the scope of the Order of 11 May 1970 those supply pipelines for combustible gas that do not simultaneously fulfil the following conditions:

- P greater than 4 bar
- PD greater than 1500 bar mm.

where: P= effective pressure of combustible gas in the vessel and D = diameter of the supply pipeline.  
These pipelines are not currently subject to safety legislation.

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

The main driving force behind this draft amendment Order is the publication of European standards on supply pipelines less than 16 bar pressure. The standards are listed below:

- NF- EN 12007-1: "Pipelines for maximum operating pressure up to and including 16 bar - General functional recommendations"
- NF-EN 12007-2: "Gas pipelines for maximum operating pressure up to and including 16 bar - Specific functional recommendations for polyethylene"

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

Law of 15 February 1941 on the organisation of the production, transport and distribution of gas; Decree of 15 October 1985, amended, on the supply system of combustible gas by pipelines (Articles 32 and 41); Order of 13 July 2000 on safety legislation of the distribution of combustible gas by pipelines; Order of 11 May 1970, amended, on safety legislation of vessels for the supply of combustible gas by pipelines.

#### **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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