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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>BELGIUM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Social Affairs, Public Health and the Environment Services fédéraux pour l'environnement Service Etude et coordination Centre Administratif de l'Etat – Bâtiment Vésale – C, V712 Boulevard Pachéco 19/5 B – 1010 Bruxelles Tel: 32 2 210 45 32 – 210 46 90 Fax: 32 2 210 48 52 Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): New LPG systems
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Royal Order Concerning the Establishment of a Grant Scheme for the Promotion and Installation of LPG Systems in Vehicles
6. Description of content: This Royal Order concerns the fitting of new LPG systems by trained installers in minibuses, and dual-purpose and private vehicles, already in circulation in Belgium. Vehicles must be registered under the applicant's name. Systems must be installed between 01 January 2001 and 31 December 2002. Applications may be submitted until 31 August 2003. The Order applies to legal or natural persons. Provided this and the other conditions of the Order are met, applications may be submitted for a grant of 20,500 Belgian francs. Federal environmental officials are responsible for monitoring compliance with this Order.

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:

The measure contained in this Order is part of the federal programme to combat acidification and tropospheric ozone (2000-2003). This programme contains the steps that should be taken at the federal level between 2000 and 2003 to combat acidification and tropospheric ozone. With this in mind, the Council of Ministers decided on 17 October 2000 to allocate financial resources to measures designed to improve the general air quality and to reduce tropospheric ozone. This measure has been adjudged to be effective as well as technically, economically and socially feasible.

The Order implements the law of 2 January 2001, containing social, budgetary and other provisions, as well as Article 14 of the Law. This Law stipulates that a grant of 20,500 Belgian francs shall be offered to cover installation costs incurred between 1 January 2001 and 31 December 2002.

8. Relevant documents:

9. Proposed date of adoption:
Proposed date of entry into force: } 60 days

10. Final date for comments:

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: CIBELNOR