

**Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

**NOTIFICATION**

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

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>FRANCE</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Industry, Secretariat of State for Industry, Directorate for Regional Action and Small and Medium Industry, Sub-Directorate of Industrial Safety, 20 avenue de Ségur, 75353 Paris 07 SP <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Pressure equipment
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Order Concerning the Use of Pressure Equipment (17 pages + a one page annex)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The purpose of the draft Order is to specify the in-use conditions applicable to pressure equipment, set out in the draft Decree on Pressure Equipment notified in January 1999.  It specifies the pressure equipment that will be subject to in-use checks and the nature of the checks. The text will apply to pressure equipment built in accordance with current national standards and those in Directive 97/23/EC of 29 May 1997, on pressure equipment.  It does not apply to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Simple pressure vessels;</li><li>- pressure equipment specially designed for nuclear applications;</li><li>- super heated water piping;</li><li>- pressure sheaths in high-pressure electrical appliances.</li></ul>
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b>  The draft Order specifies the in-use conditions applicable to pressure equipment. This draft Order is provided for in the draft Decree notified by the French authorities in January 1999.  All of these texts are a result of the need to redefine the in-use conditions for checking pressure equipment in the context of the change in regulations caused by transposing Directive 97/23/EC of 29 May 1997 to French law.

<b>8.</b>	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Draft Decree on Pressure Equipment, notified in January 1999
<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 29 January 2001 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 29 April and 29 July 2001
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 29 January 2001
<b>11.</b>	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body:</b>  (CINORTECH) Mrs. VAQUIER (AFNOR) Tour Europe, 92049 PARIS LA DEFENSE