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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.	Notifying Member: <u>ARGENTINA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ente Nacional Regulador del Gas - ENARGAS (National Regulatory Agency for Gas) Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of 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): Plastic piping for the supply of gaseous fuels
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: <i>NAG 140 Año 2016 "Sistemas de tuberías plásticas de polietileno (PE) para el suministro de combustibles gaseosos" del Código Argentino de Gas - NAG Grupo I: Redes de distribución, líneas de transmisión e instalaciones complementarias</i> (Argentine Gas Standard NAG-140 2016 of the Argentine Gas Code "Plastic polyethylene (PE) piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels" - NAG Group I: Distribution networks, transmission lines and ancillary works) (3 pages, in Spanish)
6.	Description of content: The notified Standard NAG-140 covers the use of polyethylene (PE) for the distribution of gaseous fuels and comprises seven parts: Part 1: General requirements. Raw material; Part 2: Pipes; Part 3: Accessories; Part 4: Valves; Part 5: Integration capacity of system components; Part 6: Minimum requirements for installation; and Part 7: Conformity assessment. The notified Standard applies to PE 80 and PE 10 piping systems for the supply of gaseous fuels with a maximum working pressure of 10 bar and a reference temperature of 20° C, with correction factors for temperatures other than 20° C. It provides for a two-year adjustment period for manufacturing plants, and a one-year period in which both the notified standard and the standard currently in force will be applicable.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To update existing legislation.
8.	Relevant documents: See point 5 above; EN Standards. National Regulatory Agency for Gas (ENARGAS) Resolution No. 2747/2002 "Argentine Gas Code - NAG - Mandatory standards and technical specifications for the gas industry" (G/TBT/N/ARG/82)

9.	Proposed date of adoption: 4 April 2016 Proposed date of entry into force: Dates specified in the notified text.
10.	Final date for comments: Not indicated
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: Dirección Nacional de Comercio Interior Avda. Julio A. Roca 651, Piso 4°, Sector 2 (C1067ABB) Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires Tel.: (+54) 11 4349-4067 Fax: 54 11 4349 4072 Email: focalotc@mecon.gov.ar Text available at: http://www.puntofocal.gov.ar/formularios/registro_arg10.php https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/ARG/16_1720_00_s.pdf