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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>FRANCE</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: <i>Ministère de l'intérieur (Ministry of the Interior)</i> <i>Direction générale de la Sécurité civile et de la gestion des crises (Directorate-General of Civil Security and Crisis Management)</i> Place Beauvau 75800 PARIS cedex 08 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): Refrigerants used in high-rise buildings.
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: <i>Arrêté du xxxxx modifiant l'arrêté du 30 décembre 2011 portant règlement de sécurité pour la construction des immeubles de grande hauteur (IGH) et leur protection contre les risques d'incendie et de panique (Order of xxxxx amending the Order of 30 December 2011 establishing safety regulations for the construction of high-rise buildings and the protection of such buildings against fire and panic hazards) (2 pages, in French)</i>
6. Description of content: The notified Order seeks to maintain the restriction on the use of flammable fluids in high-rise buildings and to prevent the creation of a loophole through the reference made by Article GH 37 of the safety regulations for high-rise buildings to Article CH 35 of the safety regulations for establishments open to the public. Certain Articles of the fire safety regulations for establishments open to the public, most notably Article CH 35, are in the process of being amended with a view to authorizing the use of flammable refrigerants, which until now have been prohibited. Article GH 37(2) of the fire safety regulations for high-rise buildings refers to the provisions of Article CH 35.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To maintain an adequate level of safety in high-rise buildings pending a specific risk assessment study.
8. Relevant documents: <i>Arrêté du xxxxx modifiant l'arrêté du 30 décembre 2011 portant règlement de sécurité pour la construction des immeubles de grande hauteur (IGH) et leur protection contre les risques d'incendie et de panique.</i>

9.	Proposed date of adoption: 20 December 2018 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2019
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from the date of notification.
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: Ministère de l'intérieur Direction générale de la Sécurité civile et de la gestion des crises Place Beauvau 75800 PARIS cedex 08 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/FRA/18_5936_00_f.pdf