

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

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

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>SLOVAK REPUBLIC</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic/Fire Protection Office Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 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): Gas cylinders intended for flammable gases or oxidizing gases, pressure vessels intended for flammable gases or oxidizing gases, battery vehicles with pressure vessels intended for transport of flammable gases or oxidizing gases, filling facilities for flammable gases or oxidizing gases.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Decree of the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic No. 124/2000 Coll. establishing principles of fire safety at activities with flammable gases and oxidizing gases (17 pages, in Slovak language)
6.	Description of content: The Decree defines the gas recognized as a flammable gas or oxidizing gas. It also defines the pressure vessel destined for transport of gas, and a specific sub-group – gas cylinders recognized to be refillable with flammable gas or oxidizing gas intended for storage or transport. The Decree establishes principles of fire protection in relation to handling, storage and transport of substances dangerous by fire risk, as well as relevant constructions, technical and technological equipment.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The issues of fire safety related to filling of pressure vessels intended for transport and storage of gases had not been completely solved in the legal system of the Slovak Republic. Nowadays this topic is solved by the Slovak standard STN 078 8304 "Metal Pressure Vessels for Gas Transport. Operation Rules" that is in force since 1988. With the aim of creating a single market, removing technical barriers to trade, and harmonizing the legal rules of the Slovak Republic with the European Union law system, progressive transformation of the technical standard provisions into commonly binding legal acts takes place in the field of fire protection, too. For this reason the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic has elaborated the Decree establishing principles of fire safety related to the activities performed with flammable gases and oxidizing gases.

8.	Relevant documents: Directive 97/23/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning pressure equipment; Council Directive 84/525/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to seamless, steel gas cylinders; Council Directive 84/526/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to seamless unalloyed aluminium and aluminium alloy gas cylinders; Council Directive 84/527/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to welded unalloyed steel gas cylinders; ADR – European Agreement on the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road, as amended by Annexes A and B in force since 1 January 1999 The Decree was published in the Collection of Acts of the Slovak Republic,
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: 1 May 2000
10.	Final date for comments:
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: