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GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR THE MARKING OF GAS APPLIANCES

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Indications générales
pour le marquage des appareils à gaz

Allgemeiner Leitfaden
für die Kennzeichnung von Gasgeräten

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Foreword

The ad hoc Group «Marking of gas appliances» of the CEN Programming Committee «Gas» (PC 3) prepared this guidance document. On 1997-04-02, the CEN Technical Board approved this document for publication as a CEN Report.

1 Scope

This document comprises a list of recommendations for Technical Committees, whose responsibility it is to decide which of these they wish to incorporate in Standards.

These recommendations are based on the principles stated hereafter :

1) To supplement the requirements for marking of the appliance and its packaging, given by Essential Requirement 1.2.3 of the EU Directive 90/396/EEC «Gas appliances», with information corresponding to the countries of destination of the appliance.

In view of the differences across Europe with respect to the distribution of gases and the installation of appliances, the identification of the suitability of an appliance is only explicit if the appliance category is mentioned in combination with the country of destination. This information has therefore been considered as essential for the safe use of gas appliances.

2) To establish a link between country, category, gas and pressure.

The marking of this information, in effect, constitutes a coherent whole which is intended to give unambiguous information about the use of the appliance concerned.

3) To use symbols in place of texts in the national languages,

while establishing two levels of symbols, obligatory (see 6.1) or optional (see 6.2), in order to take into account national practices declared by CEN Members.

The ad hoc Group «Marking of gas appliances» has restricted its recommendations to those which apply to all relevant Technical Committees of PC 3.

Other information can appear on the appliance or on the packaging.

All the following texts are only informative in the context of this CR, but they serve as model texts for appliances standards.

2 Normative references

This CEN report incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this CEN report only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

EN 437	Test gases - Test pressures - Appliance categories
EN 23166:1993	Codes for the representation of names of countries
EN 60335-1:1994	Safety of household and similar electrical appliances - Part 1 : General requirements

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following definitions apply :

3.1 direct country of destination

A country for which the appliance has been certified and which is specified by the manufacturer as the intended country of destination. At the time of putting the appliance on the market and of installation, the appliance shall be capable of operating, without adjustment or modification, with one of the gases distributed in the country concerned, at the appropriate normal pressure. More than one country can be specified if the appliance, in its current state of adjustment, can be used in each of these countries.

3.2 indirect country of destination

A country for which the appliance has been certified, but for which, in its present state of adjustment, it is not suitable. Subsequent modification or adjustment is essential in order that it can be utilised safely and correctly in that country.

3.3 manufacturer

The person responsible for designing and manufacturing a product covered by the directive, with a view to placing it on the Community market on his own behalf.

NOTE : This definition comes from the guide to the implementation of Community harmonization directives based on the new approach and of global approach the comments of which are in the informative annex A of this document.

4 Marking of the appliance

Each appliance shall carry at least the following information, in a visible (possibly after the removal of part of the case or of a cover) and readable way for the installer as well as in an indelible way either directly or on one or more data plates and/or labels firmly and durably attached to the appliance :

- the CE marking ;
- the manufacturer's name and/or identification symbol ;
- the trade name of the appliance ;
- the type of electrical supply used, if applicable ;
- the type of gas, in relation to the pressure and/or the pressure couple, for which the appliance has been adjusted ; any pressure indication shall be identified in relation to the corresponding category index ;
- the direct country or countries of destination of the appliance ;
- the appliance category or categories : if more than one appliance category is specified, each of these categories shall be identified in relation to the appropriate country or countries of destination ;
- the last two digits of the year in which the CE marking was affixed.

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