

Transport safety: transportable pressure equipment

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The ESC therefore endorses the Council's proposal for a directive inasmuch as the proposed directive is the result of consultations held by the Commission with both Member State governments and European trade federations. The ESC feels it would be useful to include the following specific technical data either in this directive or in the ADR: - procedures for filling liquid gas cylinders and liquefied gas tanks, recommended and checked by notified inspection bodies, - operating specifications - construction - certification and marking of valves on the above-mentioned cylinders and tanks. Implementing this directive will bring about a reduction in costs, i.e. some economic benefit for the manufacturers of pressure equipment, because, in future, approval and marking will take place only in one Member State and the equipment will then circulate freely throughout the EU. It follows that, with competition, the price of such equipment will drop. The ESC hopes that the industry (equipment manufacturers, i.e. of cylinders, tanks and other components, and liquefied gas producers and distributors) will pass on the resulting economic benefit to consumers in the end price of its products.