**Order of 10 May 2019 amending the Order of 30 December 2011 regulating safety in the construction of high-rise buildings and their protection against the risks of fire and panic**

Public concerned: operators and owners of establishments open to the public, business owners, main contractors, architects, members of safety committees, technical inspectors, manufacturers and installers of equipment using refrigerants.  
Purpose: amendment of a provision concerning the characteristics of electrical appliances used for cooling in high-rise buildings (IGHs).  
Entry into force: the day after publication in the Official Journal of the French Republic.  
Notice: the fire safety and anti-panic regulations in establishments open to the public (ERPs) has been amended, notably Article CH 35 thereof, to authorise the use of flammable refrigerants, hitherto prohibited. Article GH 37(2) of the fire safety regulation for high-rise buildings refers to the provisions of Article CH 35. Pending a specific risk assessment study, it is necessary to continue to restrict the use of flammable fluids in high-rise buildings and to avoid the creation of a loophole through the referral of Article GH 37 to Article CH 35.  
References: the wording of the text, as amended by this order, may be consulted on the Légifrance website (http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr).

The Minister of State for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition, the Keeper of the Seals, the Minister of Justice, the Minister of the Economy and Finance, the Minister of Labour, the Minister of the Interior, the Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, the Minister for Territorial Cohesion and Relations with Local and Regional Authorities, and the Minister of Culture  
Having regard to Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services, in particular Notification No 2018/469/F;  
Having regard to the Construction and Housing Code, and in particular Article R122-4 thereof ;  
Having regard to the Order of 30 December 2011 regulating safety in the construction of high-rise buildings and their protection against the risks of fire and panic,  
Having regard to the opinion of the High Council on Construction and Energy Efficiency, given on 16 October 2018;  
Having regard to the opinion of the National Standards Evaluation Council of 11 October 2018,  
Hereby order:

**Article 1**

Title 1, Chapter II, Section VII of the regulations on safety in the construction of high-rise buildings and their protection against the risks of fire and panic, approved by the above-mentioned Order of 30 December 2011, is amended in accordance with Article 2.

**Article 2**

In Article GH 37, after the words: ‘appareils électriques de production de froid’ (‘Electrical cooling appliances)’, the words: ‘, n’utilisant pas de fluides frigorigènes inflammables,’ (‘, not using flammable refrigerants,’) are inserted.

**Article 3**

This Order shall enter into force the day after its publication in the Official Journal of the French Republic.

Done on 10 May 2019.

The Minister of the Interior,  
For and on behalf of the Minister:  
The Head of Service, Deputy Director-General for Civil Security and Crisis Management, responsible for the Directorate of Firefighters,  
M. Marquer

The Minister of State for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition,  
For and on behalf of the Minister of State:  
The Director of Housing, Urban Planning and Landscapes,  
F. Adam

The Keeper of the Seals, the Minister of Justice,  
For and on behalf of the Minister:  
The Secretary General,  
V. Malbec

Minister of the Economy and Finance,  
For and on behalf of the Minister:  
Head of Industry Department,  
J. Tognola

The Minister of Labour,  
For and on behalf of the Minister:  
Director General of Labour,  
Y. Struillou

The Minister of Higher Education,  
Research and Innovation,  
For and on behalf of the Minister:  
Director-General for Higher Education and Vocational Integration,  
B. Plateau

The Minister for Territorial Cohesion and Relations with Local and Regional Authorities,  
For the Minister and by delegation:  
The Director of Housing, Urban Planning and Landscapes,  
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The Minister of Culture,  
For the Minister and by delegation:  
The Director General of Heritage,  
P. Barbat