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## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

**Subject: Petition No 0527/2024 by I.- C. L. (Romanian) on banning LPG cylinders without collar in Romania**

### 1. Summary of petition

The petitioner complains about the refilling, sale and distribution of 26-litre LPG cylinders without collar, intended for domestic consumption in Romania. In his opinion, this type of cylinders exceeds the standard lifespan of 30 years and the practice of filling them in LPG bottling stations and LPG Auto SKID installations does not comply with the required safety standards and breaches the legislation in force, representing a threat to the public safety and the environment. He provides for a series of technical clarifications in this sense and explains that he unsuccessfully submitted petitions to several national authorities asking for the ban of this practice in Romania. He therefore asks the European Parliament to address the competent national authorities with a view to implement immediate measures to stop the refilling and distribution of LPG cylinders without collar at bottling stations and LPG Auto SKID installations.

### 2. Admissibility

Declared admissible on 25 September 2024. Information requested from Commission under Rule 233(5) (former rule 227(5)).

### 3. Commission reply, received on 26 November 2024

The petitioner asks that the filling of LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas) cylinders intended for domestic use in the specific installations for motor vehicles should be stopped and that the LPG cylinders of 26 litres without guards, which are older than 30 years, should be withdrawn from the national market due to safety reasons.

On the basis of the information provided in the petition, the Commission understands that national legislation already provides for the withdrawal from the market of the above-mentioned LPG cylinders. The petition mentions several national rules that would also appear to be contravened.

As regards the EU legislation applicable to transportable pressure equipment, Directive 2010/35/EU and the international legislation referred to therein, contains no specific rules for this particular type of cylinder, nor for the filling of LPG cylinders.

#### Conclusion

It therefore appears that the issues mentioned in the petition should be followed up with the appropriate national authorities as they are related to the enforcement in practice of the national rules already in place.