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Recently in the Official Journal No.78, dated 07.05.2024, among other, has been published the Decision of the Council of Ministers No. 268, dated 02.05.2024 “*On the approval of the categories of economic operators who own or manage pressure equipment or installations subject to the obligation of having a civil liability insurance contract, as well as the minimum limit of liability covered by such insurance contract*” (hereinafter referred to as “*the Decision*”).

The Decision mandates economic operators to obtain a civil liability insurance for pressure equipment, setting minimum coverage limits based on risk levels. It also emphasizes the continuous insurance renewal and assigns implementation responsibilities to relevant government bodies to enhance safety and mitigate associated risks.

Some of the most important provisions of the Decision are as follows:

❖ The Decision

The purpose of the Decision is to determine the categories of economic operators who own or manage equipment or installations under pressure, based on their commercial activities, and which must be subject to the obligation of having a civil liability insurance contract.

Also, such Decision determines the minimum liability limit covered by the insurance contract to ensure the safety of the environment, life, health and property of citizens from the risks posed by these devices and installations.

The Decision applies to all economic operators who administer or use equipment and installations under pressure, in accordance with the provisions of Law no. 32/2016, “*On guaranteeing the safety of equipment and installations under pressure*”.

Mandatory insurance is carried out *only after* the economic operator has registered the pressure device/installation with the State Technical and Industrial Inspectorate, as stipulated in Law no. 32/2016.

Scope of Application

Categories of economic operators subject to the obligation of Civil Liability Insurance

The categories of economic operators who own or manage equipment/installations under pressure, based on their commercial activities, and which must be subject to the obligation of having a civil liability insurance contract are as follows:

Subjects engaging in commercial activities and providing services to third parties in the following areas:

- a) Restaurant/food services;
- b) Accommodation/tourism;
- c) Social services;
- d) Health services;
- e) Educational institutions;
- f) State institutions/enterprises;
- g) Construction;
- h) Production/processing/trading of non-food products;
- i) Production/processing/trading of food products;
- j) Wholesale fluid trading companies;
- k) Retail fluid trading companies;
- l) Fluid/hydrocarbon extraction/production and processing companies;
- m) Production and processing companies of technical/medical gases;
- n) Wholesale technical/medical gases trading companies;
- o) Technical/medical gas retail companies;
- p) Transportation of various cylinders;
- q) Transportation by tankers;
- r) Railway services;
- s) Maritime services;
- t) Maritime tourism activities;
- u) Natural and legal subjects operating in the field of fire protection and rescue, utilizing pressure vessels during their activities (*fire protection systems*).

Subjects using and/or administering pressure vessels, categorized by volume:

- a) Steam and hot water boilers in production;
- b) Stationary pressure equipment/LPG tanks (*liquefied petroleum gas*);

- c) LPG cylinders (*transportable equipment under pressure - TEUP*);
- d) Simple pressure vessels/stationary;
- e) Cryogenic vessels for technical hydrogen/oxygen gases (*including TEUP's*);
- f) Technical and medical gas cylinders (*TEUP*);
- g) Other TEUP's;
- h) Reserved hydrocarbon/fuel;
- i) Technological/industrial lines;
- j) Fire extinguishing equipment and stationary fire extinguishing equipment.

The categories of operators and types of equipment/installations, according to risk level, are also defined in this Decision.



Minimum limits of liability covered by the Insurance Contract

In virtue of the Decision, in order to ensure coverage for damages that may arise to the environment, life, health and property of citizens, the minimum liability limits shall be as follows:

- a. Pressure equipment/plants with low risk: 10 (*ten*) million ALL per insurance event and 20 (*twenty*) million ALL in the aggregate;
- b. Pressure equipment/plants with medium risk: 20 (*twenty*) million ALL per insurance event and 40 (*forty*) million ALL in the aggregate;
- c. Pressure equipment/plants with high risk: 35 (*thirty-five*) million ALL per insurance

event and 70 (*seventy*) million ALL in the aggregate;

- d. Pressure equipment/plants with very high risk: 50 (*fifty*) million ALL per insurance event and 100 (*one hundred*) million ALL in the aggregate.



Economic operators subject to the obligation of having a civil liability insurance contract may obtain insurance coverage exceeding the minimum limits defined above.

Special Provisions

All categories of economic operators, as per this Decision, are responsible for fulfilling the obligation of concluding the civil liability insurance contract and ensuring its continuous renewal throughout the entire period of utilizing the equipment/installations under pressure to guarantee coverage for damages that may occur to the environment, life, health, and property of citizens.

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy and the State Technical and Industrial Inspectorate are tasked with implementing this decision.

Entry into force

This Decision has entered into force after its publication in the Official Journal.



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