



## APPROVAL = SAFETY

### Does the product need to be approved?

**YES**

In the Technical Regulation on the Use and Distribution of Gaseous Fuels **RD 919/2006** and more specifically in its Additional Technical Instruction **ITC-ICG-08**, which is related to **Gas Appliances**, it indicates that to obtain the appliance conformity, the standard product (sample) must be conforming to national or European standards. **COMPLIANCE WITH THEM IS**, therefore, **MANDATORY** (for free circulation in the European Union) and such compliance can be requested from the manufacturer or importer.

*REMARKS: Compliance with a standard will be mandatory when reference is made to it in a ministerial order or decree.*

### Steps to follow to obtain APPROVAL

**STEP 1.-** The product is developed and submitted to tests specified in the product standard at the Gala Sol gases laboratory, guaranteeing that the requirements are met.

**STEP 2.-** A sample is prepared to send to the **Repsol YPF Technological Centre**, a laboratory accredited by ENAC for the scope of the Regulation on the Distribution and Use of Gaseous Fuels. When Repsol has inspected the sample it issues a report with the results of the tests based on the applicable regulation.



**STEP 3.-** An approval project is prepared (explaining general functioning of the product, gases of use, ..., drawings are enclosed of the assembly, of the product components, technical data sheet, instructions manual, etc.) which, together with the report of the test results carried out by Repsol is presented to a **Control Organisation** that proceeds to review it.



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**STEP 4.-** If everything is correct, the Control Organisation issues a **Standard Conformity Certificate** (sample).

**STEP 5.- Every year** the Control Organisation performs a factory inspection and sampling of one out of all the approved products, proceeding to issue a **Production Conformity Certificate** if the result is satisfactory. All the torch references that are approved are included in this Certificate.

*REMARKS: This factory inspection can be carried out because Gala Sol, S.A. has an ISO 9000 Quality Management System, certified by an external organisation. If this product certification system did not exist, this would have to be carried out by tests on each reference to be certified.*

## What does the approval entail?

For the consumer this means that the product he purchases meets a series of legal requirements, and that it therefore satisfies a series of technical standards that will have a bearing on minimum **safety** and **quality**.

The importance of this is seen in all those products which, due to their operating and use conditions, may represent a danger for our safety.

## How do I know that a product is approved?

The **Ministry of Industry** used to grant an **approval stamp** to those products that had been satisfactorily submitted to an approval process.

Now, with the new Technical Regulation on the Use and Distribution of Gaseous Fuels **RD 919/2006**, this requirement for the Ministry to allocate an approval stamp has disappeared. Therefore, at first sight we cannot distinguish if that product is approved or not, so it would be necessary to request a copy of the Production or Sample Conformity Certificate for the product from the manufacturer or distributor.

*REMARKS: Not all the torches are submitted to mandatory approval, only those that use liquefied petroleum gases (propane and butane), natural gas, propane air, methane air and manufactured gas.*



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