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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Marquees, tents and single-storied structures.

7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

This draft Order lays down the regulatory requirements necessary to prevent the outbreak of fire and panic in single-storied structures.

In compliance with Article GN 14 of the Order of 25 June 1980 (amended) on the safety regulations to counter the risk of fire and panic in establishments open to the public [French designation ERP], appliances or equipment referred to in this draft text must conform to one of the following:



- French standards:
- harmonised European standards;
- national technical specifications of other Member States of the European Union or of the European Economic Area recognised by a Community decision, that are listed and published in the French Official Gazette;
- standards or technical specifications of other Member States of the European Union or of the European Economic Area recognised as equivalent, on advice from the competent bodies responsible for the publication of the texts concerned. The list of these standards or technical specifications shall be published in the French Official Gazette.

Where there are no standards or technical specifications such as those referred to in the second and third indents above or where the products are exempt from these, the European Technical Approval shall attest the fitness for use of the above products.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The erection of single-storied structures on French territory has increased progressively over the years, as a result of large-scale events. Given the number of people accommodated at these events, and the dangers they are faced with should a fire break out, it seemed essential, at the request of the local authorities, to lay down the technical and administrative requirements necessary to prevent the risk of fire.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- Order of 23 January 1985 (amended) on the specific provisions applicable to marquees, tents and structures ("CTS" establishments [chapiteaux, tentes et structures]).

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

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