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Order prohibiting the market placement, import, sale, distribution and manufacture of cellulose wadding insulation materials with ammonium salt additives

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Invocation of the Emergency Procedure : Yes

Message

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - He ce предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Order prohibiting the market placement, import, sale, distribution and manufacture of cellulose wadding insulation materials with ammonium salt additives

6. Products Concerned

cellulose wadding insulation materials with ammonium salt additives

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The draft order aims to prohibit the market placement, import, holding with a view to sale or distribution, the sale or distribution and manufacture of cellulose wadding insulation materials with ammonium salt additives. These products will also have to be withdrawn and recalled at the expense of the person responsible for first placing them on the market.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Complaints have been made to the French administration relating to the potential release of ammonia fumes following the installation of cellulose wadding thermal insulation materials with flame-retardant ammonium salt additives in dwellings. Readings taken in the dwellings to which the complaints relate revealed that the toxicological reference value for ammonia for chronic effects was exceeded in the majority of the dwellings investigated. Emission chamber tests have demonstrated that these products do indeed release significant quantities of ammonia. Moreover, an inquiry conducted at poison control centres and professional consultation centres revealed evidence of around thirty health alerts including some cases of asthma and two of bronchiolitis.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References to basic texts: Report on cases of exposure to volatile substances from cellulose wadding insulation materials - Retrospective study of exposure cases reported by French poison control and toxicity monitoring centres between 1 November 2011 and 31 December 2012.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

Yes

12. Grounds for the Emergency

The existence of health alerts, particularly asthma and bronchiolitis attacks in young children, for whom such



attacks can be fatal, justifies the implementation of an emergency procedure (Cf. attached report on exposure to volatile substances from cellulose wadding insulation materials). Moreover, emission chamber tests conducted on representative samples provided by the trade association have demonstrated that all the samples do indeed release significant quantities of ammonia. These products are therefore not stable. To date, these products have been installed in nearly 15 000 dwellings.

13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

NO - The draft has no significant impact on international trade.

SPS aspect

NO - The draft has no significant impact on international trade.

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