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2. Member State

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

- 1) construction products pursuant to the directive on construction products,
- 2) building materials, i.e. products not covered by the above-mentioned directive, which are the subject of regulatory requirements in France with regard to reaction to fire.

7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

This draft Order organises the incorporation into French legislation of the Commission Decision of 8 February 2000 on the classification of the reaction to fire performance of construction products, which contributes to the CE marking of construction products pursuant to Council Directive 89/106/EEC (see Annex 1).

It also lays down the applicable rules for the classification of materials that remain subject to French regulatory

provisions (see Annex 2). It sets out the rules for the recognition of CE-marked products with a Euro-classification with regard to reaction to fire in relation to the requirements expressed in the previous classification under French legislation (see Annex 4) pending the subsequent rewording thereof.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

This Order is indispensable in order to make French legislation compatible with the implementation of the CE marking of construction products from the point of view of observing the essential requirement of fire safety (reaction to fire).

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

Yes

12. Grounds for the Emergency

The availability of the first harmonised standards and their entry into force in accordance with the provisions of the guide J requires the Member States to make their legislation compatible with the conditions for carrying out the CE marking of construction products. This Order fulfils this obligation. The urgency is justified by the need to allow the CE marking of products for which harmonised standards have been published in the OJEC, and whose reaction to fire must be proven within a period compatible with the transitional periods.

13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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