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Order concerning the prohibition of the use of brazing solders containing lead additives in fixed installations for the production, treatment, storage and distribution of waters intended for human consumption.

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Brazing solder products containing lead additives.

7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

The draft order introduces a prohibition of the use of brazing solders, the production of which requires lead additives; this prohibition will apply one year after the publication of the order in the Official Journal of the French Republic.

This prohibition concerns brazing solder materials used to



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assemble the components of fixed installations for the production, treatment, storage and distribution of waters intended for human consumption covered by the above-mentioned decree no. 89-3 amended on 3 January 1989.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The most recent publication by the World Health Organisation (Quality Directives for Drinking Water, Geneva 1994) and the proposal for a Council of the European Union Directive on waters intended for human consumption of 30 May 1995 urge the Member States to take all the appropriate measures to reduce the lead content in waters for consumption. This results in materials, for which it has been demonstrated that the salting out of lead into water could be significant, no longer being used on a national level for new installations for water distribution. This is the case for brazing solder materials which have received lead additives during manufacture.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Decree no. 89-3 amended on 3 January 1989 concerning the quality of waters intended for human consumption, in particular Article 7.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure No.

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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