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Draft decree governing the inspection of measuring instruments

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5. Title

Draft decree governing the inspection of measuring instruments

6. Products Concerned

Measuring instruments

7. Notification Under Another Act

Product code

8. Main Content

This draft is intended to replace amended Decree no. 88-682 of 6 May 1988. It defines the inspection operations to which measuring instruments may be subjected before use and in use, and it defines the list of categories of instruments for which the application orders will define the technical requirements

and inspection methods. It does not apply to harmonised provisions resulting from the application of EC regulations or directives. This decree does not instigate any additional

obligation for economic operators. This decree:

- brings into line the procedures laid down in the 1988 Decree and European procedures ("adjusted" decisions).
- authorises wider delegation of certification operations to designated bodies.
- widens and makes more flexible the range of inspection methods, placing more emphasis on quality assurance and on the manufacturer and repairer responsibility.
- provides for wider application of international recognition.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The draft aims to apply the material of European directives, and, in particular, the principles of a global approach with regard to conformity certification, in order to make European and national inspection methods as similar as possible.

The draft also aims to simplify greatly the administration of inspection procedures for instruments in use, and to apply a subsidiarity principle in the case of intervention by the State.

Lastly, the draft aims to take into consideration the voluntary procedures by which the owners and repairers guarantee the quality of instruments in use.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Law of 4 July 1837, as amended by Law no. 355 of 15 July 1944

Decree no. 88-682 of 6 May 1988, as amended by:

Decree no. 89-625 of 31 August 1989 Decree no. 96-441 of 22 May 1996

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

13. Confidentiality

14. Fiscal measures

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