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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Automatic garage door indicates a device for the automatic enclosure of premises.

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7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

This ministerial order describes in detail what maintenance is required to be carried out on automatic garage doors i.e.:

- maintenance inspections, Details are given of the maintenance intervals and the components involved
- supply of the maintenance log for entry of the operations carried out, together with their date and time,
- the repair or replacement of the various components of the mechanism making up the security systems,
- supply of the lubricants and cleaning products needed for proper functioning.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The need to pass a regulation on automatic garage doors emerged after a number of accidents involving those products had occurred over several years. Several of those accidents had been due to poor door maintenance. It therefore seemed necessary to lay down requirements governing that maintenance. There are currently no regulations on the subject.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

This order implements the decree on automatic garage doors which derives from law No 89/421 of 23 June 1989, as transcribed into the building and dwelling code under Articles L 125-3, L 125-4 and L 125-5.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

yes

12. Grounds for the Emergency

Since 1986 45-50 serious accidents, 15 of which were fatal, have been recorded. These were due to the operation at the wrong time of automatic garage doors. In most cases the victims were young children aged 5-15 years who were crushed either by the lower part of the door or between the top of the door and the ceiling, or even between the door and a side wall.



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Fear of a chapter of accidents over the months to come, which is quite conceivable since there are currently 50000 automatic garage doors, has caused the French authorities to invoke the emergency procedure. Since proper door maintenance could avoid a certain number of accidents it is desirable that a regulatory package governing that maintenance should quickly emerge.

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