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## **Decree relating to customer safety as regards ladders, stepladders and steps.**

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**4. Notification Number**

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**5. Title**

Decree relating to customer safety as regards ladders,  
stepladders and steps.

**6. Products Concerned**

Single, double and convertible ladders and stepladders and  
steps for home or business use.

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

This text compels all products placed on the French market to  
comply with essential requirements for avoiding accidents,  
and more particularly, to stop people falling. These  
requirements are referred to in annex I to the draft.

The text also calls for products to be marked in such a way  
that the model and manufacturing batch of the product and the  
person responsible for placing it on the market, as well as  
the instructions required for proper use, are clearly  
identifiable (list in annex II).

The person responsible for placing the product on the market



must be able to prove that his product complies with the relevant standards or with a model which has a certification of compliance with the essential requirements issued by a qualified body.

#### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

Ladders, stepladders and steps are annually responsible for many hundreds of serious accidents in France (mainly broken limbs).

These accidents are caused by either the poor quality (inadequate strength of uprights or rungs) or the poor design (instability, wrong size, lack of handrail) of the products themselves or else by improper usage.

The aim of the present Decree is to reduce the number of recorded accidents by preventing badly designed and/or badly made products from being placed on the market and by giving advice on correct and safe usage.

#### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

Article L 221-3 of the Consumer Code (legal basis),  
Standard EN 131-2 (technical system of reference).

#### **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

NO

#### **12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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