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Decree amending Decree no. 95.949 of 25 August 1995 on the prevention of risks resulting from the use of bunkbeds intended to be used in the home or in the community.

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

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prevention of risks resulting from the use of bunkbeds
intended to be used in the home or in the community.

6. Products Concerned

Bunkbeds

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

Article 1 of the draft Decree repeals article 6 of
aforementioned Decree number 95-949 of 25 August 1995, said
article having been called into question because it was not
notified.

Given the need to retain the warning recommended in the
aforementioned article 6, article 2 of the draft Decree

contains the same provisions as this article 6.



In order to rectify an error of content, article 3 of the draft Decree clarifies the first paragraph of article 9 of Decree no. 95-949 of 25 August 1995.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The aim of the present draft Decree is to make consumers aware of certain risks associated with the use of bunkbeds by attaching to these beds the words: "Children under the age of six should not sleep in beds raised above floor level".

These words, which do not constitute a ban but rather a warning, simply reinforce the safety warnings appearing in current standards (standard NF EN 747 and standard D 62-019) which advise against the use of bunkbeds for young children.

In fact, although current standards lay down technical solutions to avoid in particular the risks of strangulation or collapse of beds, they do not take into account the risks of falling over the safety barriers of beds raised above floor level.

Incidentally, the recommendation to attach these words, already made in an opinion issued by the consumer safety commission in January 1995, has just been confirmed by another opinion from the same institution on 8 April 1998 (cf. enclosed opinions).

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Article L. 221-3 of the Consumer Code.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

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14. Fiscal measures

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