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Draft Order amending the Order of 29 May 1997 on materials and objects used in fixed installations for the production, treatment and distribution of water intended for human consumption

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Materials in contact with water intended for human consumption (pipes, coatings, connections, joints, accessories).

7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

Pursuant to Article 10 of Directive 98/83/EC of 3 November 1998 on the quality of water intended for human consumption, with regard to the guaranteed safety of materials, the Order of 29 May 1997 requires that manufacturers of materials that come into contact with water intended for human consumption be able to prove the safety of their products. These provisions are applicable as of 1 June 1999 to the materials used in pipes, coatings, connections and joints. For materials used in accessories, the Order set the date at 1 April 2002.

This draft Order amends the Order of 29 May 1997 by:

- postponing the date of 1 April 2002,
- extending the date of validity of Annexes 1 to 4 of the aforementioned Order of 1997 until 24 December 2003,
- authorising, under certain conditions, contact between water intended for human consumption and nickel and chrome coatings and consequently amending Annex I to the Order of 29 May 1997.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The postponement of the date of 1 April 2002 will provide companies and laboratories authorised by the Ministry with responsibility for Health to carry out migration tests on materials with a sufficient period to carry out these tests with a view to proving the safety of the products placed on the market.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Decree No 89-3 of 3 January 1989 on water intended for human consumption with the exception of natural mineral water

- Decree No 2001-1220 of 20 December 2001 on water intended for human consumption with the exception of natural mineral water
- Order of 29 May 1997 on materials and objects used in fixed installations for the production, treatment and distribution of water for human consumption.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

Yes

12. Grounds for the Emergency

Need to amend the Order in force

13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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