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Draft Royal Decree laying down measures for protecting birds from colliding with, and electrocuting themselves on, high-voltage power lines.

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No abre el plazo - Nezaahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - He се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Power lines.

7. Notification Under Another Act

Council Directive 79/409/EEC of 2 April 1979 on the conservation of wild birds

8. Main Content

The implementation of this Royal Decree will enable new power lines constructed in areas of great ornithological interest to be made according to designs that are entirely safe for birds, in terms of both collision and electrocution. The standard also applies to high-voltage overhead power lines existing in these areas at the time of the entry into force of this standard; the anti-electrocution measures shall be mandatory and the anti-collision measures voluntary.

Areas considered as 'protection areas' shall be as follows: a) Special bird protection areas, designated pursuant to Directive 79/409/EEC on the conservation of wild birds; b) scope of application of recovery and conservation plans for the classified bird species and c) priority areas of reproduction, feeding, distribution and local concentration of these species.

Key words: protection of birds, protection areas, power lines, anti-electrocution measures, anti-collision measures

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

It is calculated that, at least, tens of thousands of birds, many on the Spanish list of endangered species, die every year in Spain due to power lines, some by colliding with them but most due to electrocution. These accidents also cause cuts and interruptions to the power supply, which affects the supply to the public.

This Royal Decree complies with the provisions of Law No 42/2007 on natural conservation and biodiversity, on the need to lay down standards guaranteeing the conservation of species that live in the wild, and is in line with Spain's commitments as a signatory to the Convention on the conservation of European wildlife and natural habitats and the Bonn Convention on Migratory Species, which, at its 2002 conference of the parties, made specific reference to the need to address the serious impact of the electrocution of birds.



10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Law No 42 of 13 December 2007 on natural conservation and biodiversity.

Law No 54 of 27 November 1997, on the electricity sector.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

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15. Impact assessment

Not required, as this is a standard to minimise the environmental impact of infrastructure.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

NO within the TBT framework, as it shall have no noticeable effect on international trade.

NO within the framework of the SPS Agreement, as the draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure in accordance with Annex A to the SPS Agreement.

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