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Decree laying down the safety requirements which must be met by bicycles.

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5. Title

Decree laying down the safety requirements which must be met
by bicycles.

6. Products Concerned

All categories of bicycles, with the exception of bicycles
intended solely for competition, scooters and toy bicycles.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

Compliance with safety requirements shall be certified by one
of the following conditions: conformity of the bicycle with
French or foreign standards, conformity with a model
benefiting from a certificate of conformity. In both cases
details of the means employed by the manufacturer to ensure
compliance with the safety conditions shall be provided in a
file.

The words 'conforms to safety standards' shall be affixed to
the bicycle or packaging.

Instructions for use shall also include, in particular,
indications necessary for the adjustment, assembly and
securing of components.

Details of the various safety requirements are given in the
annexes. These include the obligation to deliver bicycles
fully assembled and adjusted, and the obligation for active
and passive signalling components, approved in accordance
with the requirements of the highway code.



9. Brief Statement of Grounds

In view of consumer safety requirements, bicycles shall no longer present risks, particularly where they are new products.

The draft decree is motivated by two essential safety considerations (apart from considerations relating to the design of the bicycle and its components). The assembly of the bicycle poses difficulties for the buyer and may be carried out incorrectly or even dangerously (adjustment of brakes, fitting of wheels and pedals, and tightening of the handlebars). These safety problems were brought to light during evaluation of the assembly of mountain bicycles by a panel of ordinary users.

Moreover, the absence of lights on mountain bicycles (which are increasingly used on roads) has given rise to numerous accidents.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

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11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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