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Decree relating to the conditions of use of the value-enhancing indications 'fermier' [farm], 'produit de la ferme' [farm product] or 'produit à la ferme' [farm-produced] for eggs from laying hens of the species Gallus gallus

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No abre el plazo - Ne zahajuje 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 ce предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

The products affected by the text are eggs from laying hens of the species Gallus gallus.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The purpose of the draft decree is to define the conditions to be observed in order to use the term 'fermier', and the indications 'produit de la ferme' or 'produit à la ferme' for eggs. In particular, it provides that the producer should be the owner of the laying hens. Concerning the farming method, the laying hens, for which a maximum number applies, must be reared outdoors under the conditions provided for in Article 12(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 589/2008 of 23 June 2008, in order to benefit from the indication 'œufs de poules élevées en plein air' [free-range eggs]. The food for the laying hens must be sourced from nearby. The eggs must be collected and sorted manually, daily, directly from the laying nests or after their removal directly from the laying nests to a sorting table.

This whole mechanism does not apply to products originating in another Member State, or Turkey, or a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, and marketed in France under the term 'fermier', or under the indications 'produit de la ferme' or 'produit à la ferme'.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

This draft text addresses a strong demand from French consumers for clarification of the definition of the term 'fermier' in the context of eggs. This is a voluntary mechanism that is not intended to create a new farming method for laying hens. Concerning the farming method, only the indications 'œufs de poules élevées en plein air' or 'agriculture biologique' [organic agriculture] may be used. Similarly, concerning the feeding method, the conditions provided for in Article 15 of the above-mentioned Regulation (EC) No 589/2008 must be fully observed.

Defining parameters for the use of the accreditation 'fermier' or the indications 'produit de la ferme' or 'produit à la ferme' for eggs is intended to supplement French policy tools for the promotion of agricultural and food



products. Conditions of use for the term 'fermier' have already been defined in the poultry sector (Article L. 644-14 of the French Rural and Sea Fisheries Code) and for cheeses (Decree 2007-628 of 27 April 2007 on cheeses and cheese products).

It makes it possible to guarantee authenticity for the consumer, based on operational characteristics corresponding to the concept "farm", as opposed to the concept "industrial", thus protecting the consumer from fraudulent practices.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References to basic texts: Articles L. 640-2 and L. 641-19 of the French Rural and Sea Fisheries Code

The reference texts were forwarded with an earlier notification: 2008/105/F

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - the draft has no significant impact on international trade.

SPS aspect

No - the draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure.

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