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Decree amending Decree No 2004-293 of 26 March 2004 on the conditions for the use of the accreditation "integrated agriculture"

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5. Title

Decree amending Decree No 2004-293 of 26 March 2004 on the conditions for the use of the accreditation "integrated agriculture"

6. Products Concerned

The draft text concerns:

- Farms accredited under integrated agriculture
- Agricultural products and foodstuffs from a farm/farms accredited under integrated agriculture.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

Integrated agriculture - Communication - Description - Simplification

Decree No 2004-293 of 26 March 1994 lays down, on the one hand, the conditions for the use of the accreditation "integrated agriculture" in advertising or in the presentation of a farm, including in commercial documents referring to the said farm, and, on the other hand, the conditions for use of any reference to integrated agriculture in advertising, labelling or in the presentation of a product and in commercial documents referring to the said product.

The amendment to the Decree, as notified in this document, concerns issues of communication regarding the integrated agriculture system and of the traceability of products placed on sale:

- by simplifying the product wording referring to integrated agriculture;
- by promoting consumer information by providing the option of using a description of the system as well as the integrated agriculture mark in advertising or in the presentation of a product;
- by relaxing the conditions on providing product traceability when the said products are sold to consumers.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Given the slow increase in the number of farms accredited under integrated agriculture, the Ministries for Agriculture and Consumer Affairs and all interested parties have considered a plan to re-launch the integrated agriculture system. It has thus become apparent that integrated agriculture suffers in particular from a lack of consumer awareness and recognition, which was largely due to the restrictions on communication imposed by Decree No 2004-93 [sic]. The amendment to the Decree is therefore one of the key elements in the plan to re-launch integrated agriculture.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Basic text: Decree No 2004-293 of 26 March 2004 on the conditions for the use of the accreditation "integrated agriculture"

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11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

NO

13. Confidentiality

a) NO

14. Fiscal measures

NO

15. Impact assessment

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

- a) No, the draft will not be notified within the TBT framework.
- b) i) The draft is not a technical regulation or a conformity assessment procedure pursuant to Annex 1 to the TBT Agreement.
- iii) The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

SPS aspect

- a) No, the draft will not be notified within the SPS framework.
- b) i) The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure in the sense of Annex A to the SPS Agreement.
- iii) The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

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