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Draft Decree amending Decree No 98-397 of 20 May 1998 on bans on plants *Stephania tetrandra* and *Aristolochia fangchi*

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Plants from the *Aristolochiaceae* family, other plants containing aristolochic acid or aristolactams and plants being able to be substituted by species containing aristolochic acid, in particular due to their adjacent Chinese name *Mu tong* or *Fangji*, and foodstuffs containing these plants.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

This draft Decree is intended to ban the possession with a view to sale, making available for sale, sale, free distribution of the plants referred to in the Decree, of extracts of these plants and products that contain them, when they are intended for human foodstuffs.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

This measure is taken in order to supplement the provisions of the Decree of 20 May 1998. These provisions were motivated by two serious cases of renal insufficiency which have been attributed to the prolonged consumption of products containing the plant *Stephania tetrandra*. This plant had been confused with *Aristolochia fangchi* due to its adjacent name in Chinese. From 1998, it has been shown that other plants present the same nephrotoxic and cancerogenic risks, and the genotoxic activity of aristolochic acid or aristolactams contained in these plants has been demonstrated in vivo and in vitro.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Article L.221-3 of the Consumer Code

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

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14. Fiscal measures

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