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Draft Decree amending Article D 4211-13 of the Public Health Code on the list of essential oils that may be sold to the public by pharmacists only

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Essential oils

7. Notification Under Another Act

This notification is made in application of Article 8 of the amended Directive 98/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 June 1998, laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations.

8. Main Content

This draft Decree is issued in implementation of Article L 4211-1(6) of the Public Health Code, which stipulates that the "retail sale and dispensing to the public of essential oils, the list of which is laid down by Decree, as well as dilutions and preparations thereof not constituting cosmetic products, products for household use, food or drink" may be carried out by pharmacists only.

The aim of this draft is to amend the list of essential oils laid down by Article D 4211-13 of the Public Health Code which, following the new coding of the same code pursuant to Decree No 2004-802 of 29 July 2004, listed the provisions of the Decree No 86-778 of 23 June 1986 that has now been repealed. The current Article D 4211-13 mentions eight essential oils: greater wormwood, lesser wormwood, mugwort, cedar, hyssop, sage, tansy and thuya.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

This draft Decree adds four essential oils appearing on the list of poisonous substances as they contain toxic compounds (essential oil of rue, mustard, sabine and chenopodium vermifuge) or safrole, a psychotropic precursor classified as a dangerous substance and present in essential oil of sassafras. In fact, for health safety reasons, it is inconceivable that essential oils subject to medical prescription due to their status as poisonous substances should be sold freely, by persons other than pharmacists.

In addition, the text specifies the precise French names (common sage instead of sage) and lists the Latin names of the plants in question in order to clarify the current list of essential oils.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Public Health Code (Articles L 4211-1, D 4211-13)

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

NO

12. Grounds for the Emergency
13. Confidentiality NO
14. Fiscal measures NO
15. Impact assessment
16. TBT and SPS aspects TBT and SPS aspects (Agreements drawn up within the framework of the WTO)
TBT aspect (Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade) NO
The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.
SPS aspect (Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures) NO The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure pursuant to Annex A to
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