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## Order laying down the conditions for use of linseed oil for consumption

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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**

2007/0098/F - C50A

**5. Title**

Order laying down the conditions for use of linseed oil for consumption

**6. Products Concerned**

Linseed oil for consumption

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

The draft Order lays down the procedures for using linseed oil for human consumption. Linseed oil is obtained by refining and may be used in a mixture in oils and spreadable fats. The Order lays down the physico-chemical criteria applicable: maximum alpha linolenic acid content of 15% and minimum alpha and gamma tocopherol content in mixtures of 3 mg/g of ALA. It points out to professionals the need to take account of the risk of excessive consumption of ALA, in order to urge them to carry out studies of consumption before placing their product on the market, in the spirit of the requirements of Regulation 178/2002 with regard to the placing on the market of safe foodstuffs.

A mutual recognition clause stipulating that: "These requirements shall not apply to edible oils and fats lawfully manufactured and/or marketed in another Member State of the European Union or in Turkey, or lawfully manufactured in an EFTA State signatory to the Agreement on the European Economic Area", is included in the draft Decree notified under reference 2006/0581/F, which forms the legal basis for the draft Order.

**9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

This Order is laid down on the basis of Article 9 of the draft Decree applying the Consumer Code with regard to edible oils and fats. It stems from a request from professionals due to the nutritional value of linseed oil (high omega 3 content) and the use of this product in other Member States of the European Union.

**10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

a) Article 9 of the draft Decree applying the Consumer Code with regard to edible oils and fats, and in particular (under notification to the EC)

**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**

**16. TBT and SPS aspects**

TBT aspect (Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade)

a) NO

The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

SPS aspect (Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures)

a) NO

The draft is not a sanitary or  
phytosanitary measure pursuant to Annex A to  
the SPS Agreement.

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