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Annexes to the order.

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### 6. Products Concerned

Products having an impact on the thermal characteristics of buildings

#### 7. Notification Under Another Act

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#### 8. Main Content

The new regulations on heat establish the requirements applicable to new buildings.

In conforming to the regulations, each client will be prompted to optimise the choice of materials used in their project in order to control energy consumption. Proof of this can be provided either by performing a calculation using computing tools, algorithms for which are given in the orders, or by means of a comparison with a technical solution approved by the Ministry for a given category of buildings.

At the same time, the conventional energy consumption and conventional interior temperature of the building must not exceed the limits calculated on the basis of the reference characteristics, while certain of its thermal characteristics must exceed the minimum thermal characteristics.

The principle of mutual recognition features in article 7 of the order.

The legal outline of the texts has been established, but values for certain requirements that must be fulfilled in order to conform to the regulations are still to be determined.

#### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The regulations on heat are designed to fulfil the commitments made by France since the signing of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and in particular the Kyoto Protocol of November 1997 which set targets for reducing emissions of greenhouse gases for the various signatory countries.

#### 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

## 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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## 12. Grounds for the Emergency

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