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Decree relating to the display of the specific absorption rate of radio equipment

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

The products covered by this Decree are radio equipment. The implementing decree is specifically aimed at mobile telephones.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The purpose of this draft decree is to make it compulsory to display the specific absorption rate (SAR) of radio equipment in all retail outlets and in advertising.

Keywords: specific absorption rate; display

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

At present, the precautionary principle is applied to mobile telephones. The most recent opinion of the French Agency for Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety (AFSSET) dated June 2005 recommends making it compulsory to display the SAR in mobile telephone retail outlets. This measure is also a recurrent demand from consumer and family protection organisations. The SAR value is given in apparatus user guides (Order of 8 October 2003). To improve consumer information, this Decree calls for the extension of this display to retail outlets. This measure is all the most justified as the SAR is, at the present time, the only information that can be provided to consumers to demonstrate the maximum levels of electromagnetic fields to which they are exposed.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

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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 relevance NO The draft has no significant impact on international trade.
SPS relevance
NO The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure within the meaning of Annex A of the SPS Agreement.
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