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Ministerial Decree implementing authorisation methods for laboratories or bodies with regard to certain types of samples and tests for the emission of substances into the atmosphere.

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5. Title

Ministerial Decree implementing authorisation methods for laboratories or bodies with regard to certain types of samples and tests for the emission of substances into the atmosphere.

6. Products Concerned

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7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

This draft order implementing authorisation methods for laboratories with regard to certain types of samples and tests for the emission of substances into the atmosphere is intended to replace the Order of 7 November 1985 on conditions for the authorisation of bodies apt to monitor emissions and describes the new authorisation procedure for laboratories taking samples and carrying out emission measurements. As of 1 January 2002, the granting of authorisations shall be subject, on the one hand, to the accreditation of the laboratory or body by the French Committee for Accreditation (COFRAC - Comité Français d'Accréditation) or by any European body signatory to the multilateral European Cooperation for Accreditation (EA) agreement and, on the other hand, to the favourable opinion of an authorisation committee presided by the director for the prevention of pollution and risks.



9. Brief Statement of Grounds

In order to improve the quality of the measures implemented within the framework of the periodic checking of installations classified for the protection of the environment, the aim is to grant approval only to those laboratories or bodies that can gain accreditation regarding the standards cited in Annex 1 to the draft order. In order to obtain accreditation, the quality organisation and technical competence of the laboratory shall be compared with standard EN 45001 applied to laboratories for samples and tests and the specific requirements stipulated in the COFRAC accreditation programme No 97.

To date, the only approved laboratories are those that measure the amount of dust in emissions. This new authorisation procedure would also enable the list of pollutants for which the laboratories could be approved to be extended (heavy-metals, dioxins, total volatile organic compounds, etc.).

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- Act No 76-663 of 19 July 1976 on installations classified for the protection of the environment;
Act No 96- 1236 of 30 December 1996 on air and the rational use of energy.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

Yes

12. Grounds for the Emergency

The new authorisation procedure shall take effect as of 1 January 2002. It seems appropriate to adopt this draft order as soon as possible so that the laboratories have time to obtain accreditation and the administration has time to process requests for authorisation.

13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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