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Decree on procedures to apply for, and issue, certificates of competence to undertake activities relating to domestic pets as well as procedures to maintain and update the certificate holder's knowledge.

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje 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

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5. Title

Decree on procedures to apply for, and issue, certificates of competence to undertake activities relating to domestic pets as well as procedures to maintain and update the certificate holder's knowledge.

6. Products Concerned

People undertaking activities relating to domestic pets (breeding, keeping, transport, sale...).

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

Article L214-6 (IV) of the Rural and Marine Fisheries Code provides that the management of a pound, rescue shelter or breeding centre; the commercial sale, transport or keeping, education, training and presentation to the public of dogs and cats; and the commercial sale and presentation to the public of other domestic pets may only be undertaken if at least one person, in direct contact with the animals, possesses a certificate of competence attesting to their knowledge of the biological, physiological and behavioural needs of domestic pets and their care. A ministerial decree dated 1 February 2001 laid down the procedures to apply for, and issue, certificates of competence to undertake activities relating to domestic pets. Article R214-27-1 of the same code stipulates that 'the holder of a certificate of competence must maintain and update their knowledge under the conditions specified by decree of the Minister responsible for agriculture'.

This notified text therefore lays down the procedures to apply for, and issue certificates of competence to undertake activities relating to domestic pets. A flexible system has been adopted for maintaining and updating knowledge, with the emphasis being more on an obligation for results than for means.

It repeals the current decree of 1 February 2001 but retains its main requirements, whilst clarifying certain points and harmonising practices. It thus addresses a wish often expressed by professionals.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

This text has been drafted to improve the living conditions and welfare of domestic pet animals. It effectively rules that activities relating to these animals may only be undertaken if at least one person, in direct contact with the animals, possesses knowledge of the biological, physiological and behavioural needs of pet animals and their care (a certificate of competence attests to their knowledge). These people must from now on demonstrate an appropriate level of knowledge. Pet animals will thus receive better treatment. This measure has been implemented in response to the wishes expressed by animal protection professionals and associations brought together in a grand debate over several months in 2008 (Les Rencontres Animal et Société).

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References to reference texts: Decree No 2008-871 of 28 August 2008 on the protection of pets and amending the Rural and Marine Fisheries Code, especially Article R214-30-2 thereof, cited in Point 8 above, notification reference 2007/370/F



The reference texts must be submitted in the context of earlier notification: 2007/370/F

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

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

NO - The plan has no significant impact on international commerce.

SPS Aspect

No - The plan is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure.

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