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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

voting machines

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The technical regulation adopted by this draft text defines the approval conditions that can be imposed by the Minister for the Interior on voting machines. It lays down the procedure to be followed by the Ministry and the requirements that the machines must fulfil in order to be approved.

Voting machines computerise voting, counting and, if applicable, the centralised collection of these results.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Electronic voting using voting machines installed in polling stations has been authorised by legislation in France from 10 May 1969 which granted municipalities the right to use voting machines. There is real interest in using these machines, in particular in a context characterised by the difficulty of fitting out polling stations and finding voluntary polling officers who are willing to be involved in the counting. Voting machines provide speed of voting and the centralised collection of results in the prefectures and the Ministry. In addition these machines facilitate preparatory polling operations and probably lighten their cost by eliminating the management of ballot papers and ballot envelopes.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Act No 69-419 of 10 May 1969 and Act No 88-1262 of 30 December 1988

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No



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14. Fiscal measures No
15. Impact assessment
16. TBT and SPS aspects TBT aspect (Agreement on technical barriers to trade) No The draft does not have any notable impact on international trade.
SPS aspect (Agreement on sanitary and phytosanitary measures) No The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure, pursuant to Annex A to to the SPS Agreement.
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