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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Prepared foods.

7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

The draft is intended to improve the sanitary hygienic conditions of establishments in the restaurant sector and the development of correct practices in the handling of foods as well as suitable training in food hygiene for managers and handlers who work in the food sector.

The intention is to revise the standards in force in order to adapt them to the guidelines resulting from Community provisions and standards of the "codex alimentarius" (Food Code), taking account of new methods in the preparation and sale of prepared foods, such as home delivery and take-away food sales.



Finally, it provides the possibility for companies in the prepared food sector to employ new conservation systems for food products, provided that there exists scientific or technical evidence of guarantees of safety and cleanliness and that this can be demonstrated to the competent authorities.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The draft intends to protect the safety and health of consumers, laying down, in article 1.4 of the said draft, a mutual recognition clause which excludes from its field of application products manufactured and, where relevant, marketed in the other Member States of the European Union or contracting parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Royal Decree 3139/1982, of 12 November, amending the technical sanitary regulations on the preparation, circulation and marketing of prepared dishes (pre-cooked and cooked).

Royal Decree 2207/1995, of 28 December, laying down hygiene standards relating to food products.

Royal Decree 512/1977, of 6 February, approving the technical sanitary regulations on the preparation, circulation and marketing of prepared dishes (pre-cooked and cooked).

Royal Decree 2817/1983, of 13 October, approving the technical sanitary regulations on public canteens.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

13. Confidentiality

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14. Fiscal measures

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