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Draft Decree on the labelling of sheep meat

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Draft Decree on the labelling of sheep meat

6. Products Concerned

Labelling - sheep meat



7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The aim of this text is to render consumer information on sheep meat mandatory, whether the meat is sold pre-packaged or not, stating whether the meat is lamb (less than 12 months old) or mutton (12 months old or more) and the country of birth, fattening and slaughter (or the origin when these countries are the same). A mutual recognition clause is included in the text which will allow meat lawfully marketed in the Community to be placed on the French market (in fact, labelling will only be mandatory for French meat or for meat whose origin is indicated by the country of origin).

Key words: labelling, sheep meat, lamb, mutton, origin

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

There is a demand among consumers for information on the category and origin of sheep meat in order to improve their knowledge of the product and enable them to make an informed choice. Furthermore, this demand is all the more urgent as this information is now mandatory for beef and veal.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) Consumer Code, Article L 214-1

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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