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## Decree on the obligation for civilian unmanned aerial vehicles to be equipped with an audible warning

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### Message

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No abre el plazo - Nezaahajuje 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 - Não 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 the obligation for civilian unmanned aerial vehicles to be equipped with an audible warning

#### **6. Products Concerned**

Civilian unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) weighing more than 800 g

#### **7. Notification Under Another Act**

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#### **8. Main Content**

Due to the increase in the number of unlawful flights over sensitive French sites by drones since autumn 2014, two members of the French Parliament tabled a draft law in spring 2016 on improving safety measures when using civilian drones. In particular, this draft followed the Government report to Parliament entitled 'The rise in civilian aerial drones in France: challenges and possible responses from the State', published in October 2015. The law was finally adopted by the French Parliament and enacted on 24 October 2016 (Law No 2016-1428). It imposes new obligations on pilots, owners or manufacturers of civilian unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). These are intended to prevent incidents posing a risk to State security, and make pilots accountable.

The aim of the draft decree notified by France to the Member States and European Commission under Directive (EU) 2015/1535 is to implement the obligation stipulating that unmanned civilian aircraft exceeding a threshold laid down by way of a decree must be equipped with an audible warning.

This draft decree describes in detail the conditions under which the audible warning shall be sounded, as well as the authorised exemptions. Finally, it provides for the penalties to be applied in the event that the drone has not been equipped with said warning, and applicability overseas.

The weight threshold from which this obligation shall apply is laid down by way of a decree at 800 g.

#### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

This draft order therefore aims to supplement, in order to guarantee public safety and State security, French legislation concerning UAVs, i.e. the Order of 17 December 2015 relating to the design of civilian UAVs, the conditions for their use and the skills required by those using them, and the Order of 17 December 2015 on the use of airspace by UAVs, as amended on 30 March 2017.

The aim of the requirements in this draft decree is to ensure that, if control of a drone is lost, an audible warning shall alert third parties on the ground that it is about to crash.

However, only drones registered in France pursuant to Article L6111-1 of the Transport Code after 1 July 2018 shall be required to comply with the obligation to have an audible warning.

#### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**



Reference(s) to basic text(s): - Article L6214-5 of the Transport Code

**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

Yes

SPS aspect

No - the draft is neither a sanitary nor phytosanitary measure.

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