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## Decree No of on the use of wooden materials in certain constructions Annex to the Decree

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### **1. Structured Information Line**

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### **2. Member State**

FRANCE

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### **4. Notification Number**

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### **5. Title**

Decree No of on the use of wooden materials in certain constructions  
Annex to the Decree

### **6. Products Concerned**

Method of classifying buildings according to the quantity of wood they incorporate.

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

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### **8. Main Content**

The draft Decree lays down a provision allowing any building owner to assess the quantity of wood that he wants to incorporate in his building and to set his own objectives. The Decree therefore proposes a classification system for constructions based on the quantity of wood incorporated in them.



Only owners of public buildings are obliged to set an objective greater than or equal to 2 cubic decimetres of wood per square metre of net surface area. The fixed method for calculation allows this quantity to be reached by including different constructions made from wood such as permanent formwork, pipe covers etc.

The mutual recognition clause appears in Article 3 of the Decree.

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

This provision aims to meet the commitments that France undertook when it signed the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), in particular the Kyoto Agreement of November 1997, setting objectives for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by the different signatory States.

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

Reference documents:

Environment Code - Article L224-1-V

Act No 85-704 of 12 July 1985 on public building ownership and its connection with private building ownership - Article 1(1)(1) and Article 1(1)(2)

The reference documents may be consulted online at [www.legifrance.com](http://www.legifrance.com)

#### **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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