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Draft Order on instruments for measuring the distance between vehicles or combined vehicles

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Draft Order on instruments for measuring the distance between vehicles or combined vehicles

6. Products Concerned

Instruments for measuring the distance between vehicles or combined vehicles serving as the application of the French Road Traffic Code. The text relates to the technical regulations applicable to the instruments and to the metrological test procedures to which they are subject.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The instruments for measuring the distance between vehicles or combined vehicles must comply with metrological and design requirements and must be the subject of test procedures at their design and manufacture stage, and during their use in order to guarantee accuracy of the measurements and the validity of the evidence which they may provide in order to establish a record of offences under the French Road Traffic Code. The requirements relate to the readings, metrological security, different classes of accuracy, the assigned operating conditions and the disruptions that the instrument must withstand. The procedures have been chosen from the procedures laid down by Decree No 2001-387 of 3 May 2001 on measuring instruments. The text also lays down obligations for the user in particular as regards maintaining the integrity and compliance of the instruments and that their use is correct and complies with the operating instructions.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

In the framework of road safety policy, a decision has been taken to combat dangerous behaviour associated with not respecting safety distances, in particular in tunnels. In order to provide reliably measuring instruments, for example in speed testing, that are able to establish offence reports able to serve as a basis for legal proceedings, it has been decided to impose requirements and legal metrological testing on these instruments.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Decree No 2001-1127 of 23 November 2001 on safety distances between vehicles and combined vehicles also amending the Road Traffic Code (Article R 412-2).

Decree No 2001-387 of 3 May 2001 amended by Decree No 2003-330 of 7 April 2003 on the inspection of measuring instruments.

Order of 31 December 2001 establishing the method of application of certain provisions of the aforementioned Decree of 3 May 2001.

NB: a European Directive on measuring instruments was adopted on 26 February 2004 but does not cover interdistance measuring instruments.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure



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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

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14. Fiscal measures

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15. Impact assessment

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

iii) The draft will not have any notable impact on international trade.

The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure pursuant to Annex A to the SPS Agreement.

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