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DRAFT ROYAL DECREE REGULATING THE EXCEPTION TO STUNNING PROVIDED FOR IN THE SACRIFICE OF ANIMALS IN RELIGIOUS RITES AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF THESE MEATS DESTINED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

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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 - Nao 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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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Meat of animals sacrificed in religious rites without prior stunning.

7. Notification Under Another Act

- Directive 2000/13/EC on the labelling, presentation and advertising of food products.

8. Main Content

Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002, of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 28 January, laying down the principles and general requirements on food legislation, creating the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures on explicit food safety, in Articles 17 and 18, in which the operators of food companies must ensure that the food they produce meets the requirements of the food legislation relevant to their activities and shall verify that these requirements are met as well as traceability in the food chain.

In view of the above, and taking account of the fact that the health requirements followed in the sacrificial process have been safeguarded in accordance with the legislation in force, it becomes necessary to protect in a precise way the rights of consumers to full and accurate information, with regard to the use or not of stunning practices laid down in the specific legislation. This involves providing information to consumers so that, based thereon, they have the elements to allow them to make a duly informed choice. This is in response to the information requirements described in Article 17.1 of the legislative Royal Decree 1/2007, of 16 November, approving the amended text of the General Law for the Defence of Consumers and other complementary laws.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The purposes of this legislation are:

- The practice of determined religious rites involves foregoing the prior stunning in the sacrifice of animals destined for human consumption, a practice considered and provided for in the health legislation. Under the protection of this legislation and in view of its compatibility, it is advisable to regulate the conditions under which this exception is used.
- To make it possible through food information provided to end-consumers on the label, for them to make



informed decisions and use food safely, taking special account of health, economic, environmental, social and ethical considerations.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

There are no base texts.

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

NO - The Draft will have no significant effect on international trade.

SPS aspect.

NO - The Draft will have no significant effect on international trade.

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