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Order enacting Article 55-6 of the Law on the future of agriculture, food and forests with regard to the trade in pet animals of domestic species

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Order enacting Article 55-6 of the Law on the future of agriculture, food and forests with regard to the trade in pet animals of domestic species

6. Products Concerned

Pet animals of domestic species, especially cats and dogs

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

This draft text derives from Article 55-6 of the Law on the future of agriculture, food and forests, which is intended to tighten the rules on the trade in pet animals. The main measures envisaged in this text are to:

- Prohibit the unrestricted sale of vertebrates
- Introduce an obligation for all breeders to register with the Companies Register
- Lower the threshold defining breeders to the first cat or dog sold
- Create specific provisions for breeders participating in the genetic improvement of breeds and producing a maximum of one litter per year per taxable household.
- Prohibit the sale of cats and dogs at locations not specifically dedicated to animals (fairs and markets).

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Expenditure on pet animals in France (purchase of animals, related products, food, accessories, etc.), services arising (veterinary care, kennels/catteries, grooming, etc.) may be evaluated at 4.5 billion euros, of which animal purchases account for 1.5 billion. Although the pet animal market has been highly dynamic for a number of years, it has also been accompanied by certain sideline activities (animal trafficking, non-compliant intra-Community trade, undeclared activities, maltreatment, etc.).

The purpose of Article 55-6 is to:

- Ensure a better legal framework for the trade in dogs and cats by tightening controls on animal breeding by private individuals. This will constitute major progress in the fight against abandonment.
- Improve the efficiency of inspections by the Departmental Directorates for Population Protection, particularly by knowing vendors better and improving the clarity of small ads that are currently sources of traffic for illegal businesses masquerading as private individuals;
- Impose the same animal health and protection rules upon any sale of a dog or cat, thus meeting professionals' expectations regarding unfair competition.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Reference(s) to basic text(s): Article 55-6 of the Law on the future of agriculture, food and forests
Articles L 214-6, L 214-7, L 214-8, L 215-10, L 215-11 and L 204-1 of the French Rural Code.



Article 2-13 of the French Penal 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

No - the draft has no significant impact on international trade.

SPS aspect

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

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