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## Draft order on the use of zinc citrate in chewing gum.

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**1. Structured Information Line**

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**4. Notification Number**

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**5. Title**

Draft order on the use of zinc citrate in chewing gum.

**6. Products Concerned**

Chewing gum as defined in article 2 of the amended Decree of 15 December 1981.

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

Amended Directive 79/112/EEC of 18 December 1978 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the labelling and advertising of foodstuffs.

**8. Main Content**

The aim of the draft order is to authorise the use of zinc citrate in chewing gum up to a maximum level of 0.2% (either 0.062% zinc or 0.84 mg zinc per piece).

The mutual recognition clause is contained in article 2.

**9. Brief Statement of Grounds**



This new provision has formed the subject of a favourable opinion from the French Higher National Health Council.

**10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

Amended decree of 15 April 1912 implementing the Act of 1 August 1905 on the prevention of fraud with regard to chemical substances in human foodstuffs.

Amended decree of 15 December 1981 implementing the amended Act of 1 August 1905 on fraud and adulteration with regard to chewing gum.

**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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