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Draft Royal Decree adopting the electrotechnical Regulations regarding low voltage.

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Draft Royal Decree adopting the electrotechnical Regulations regarding low voltage.

6. Products Concerned

Materials and equipment for low-voltage use.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The draft concerns internal low-voltage electrical installations, owned by users, for various uses (household, collective, commercial, sports-related, agricultural, provisional, temporary etc.), as well as low-voltage public transmission lines.

It consists of two legislative parts: the Regulations lay down the mainly administrative bases and general bases;



the 51 supplementary technical instructions develop that laid down in the Regulations and specify the technical requirements relating to the various specific uses.

In addition, a Ministerial Order develops that laid down in the second transitory provision of the Royal Decree.

The minimum safety requirements and the procedure for the design, operation and registration of the installations are laid down, as well as guidelines for their correct maintenance, with the adoption of an additional control system by means of initial and regular inspections in the most relevant cases.

With regard to electrical materials and equipment, the draft expressly stipulates that they must meet the requirements laid down in the relevant European directives. Only where such directives do not exist shall Spanish standards or any other standards, which provide an equivalent level of safety, accepted in any Member State of the European Union or the European Economic Area, including third countries with which an agreement exists, be used.

References to standards which are issued are a means of facilitating the technical implementation of the Regulations. However, it should be emphasised that said reference is purely a means to help those who are to design and build the installations, and is similar to the meaning of the "harmonised standards that confer the presumption of conformity" of the New Approach directives: anyone who wishes to comply with the minimum conditions by other means may do so, simply by stating the means used.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The draft is justified on two fronts: legal, in order to adjust to the framework laid down in the Spanish Constitution, the Spanish European Union Accession Treaty and the laws governing industry and the electrical sector; and technical, in accordance with current progress.

The current Regulations date from 1973 and, although they have been amended on various occasions since then, their implementation has led to difficulties, hence the need for a new complete text.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

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11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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