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Draft Decree on the protection of pet animals during their sale and activities involving them

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4. Notification Number

2007/0370/F - C90A

5. Title

Draft Decree on the protection of pet animals during their sale and activities involving them

6. Products Concerned

Pet animals

7. Notification Under Another Act

No

8. Main Content

Under Law No 99-5 of 6 January 1999 on dangerous and stray animals and the protection of animals, the various types of activities linked to pet animals (breeding, sale, training, dog obedience training and the public showing of domestic species of pet animals) can only be performed under the following conditions:

- the activity shall be declared to the Prefect of the department;
- conditions for keeping and maintaining domestic species of pet animals, including health aspects, and records shall be compliant with regard to the health and protection of animals;
- at least one person in direct contact with the animals shall hold a skills certificate declaring their competences and knowledge of the physiological and behavioural needs of the animals, the text regulating this certificate having already been published.

This text therefore relates to the first and second indents. The idea of breeding farms on home premises is introduced for certain categories of animals. The information and documents linked to the sale of pet animals are clearly defined and stated. In the last section, controls and penalties for all the points covered and certain aspects of the European Convention for the Protection of Animals are laid down.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

In view of the considerable growth in the activities of breeding and sale of pet animals, it was essential that a specific legislative and regulatory measure cover these activities and thereby allow the responsibility of both sellers and buyers of pet animals to be increased. The legislation applicable to date lacked clarity in certain areas and only concerned domestic carnivores. The draft Decree has now been adapted to the objectives clearly stated in Law No 99-5 of 6 January 1999 on dangerous and stray animals and on the protection of animals, i.e. to improve the moral standard of the sector and to combat impulse-buys by supplying sufficient information to the consumers buying the animals.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- a) European Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals, ratified by France on 3 October 2003.
- b) Law No 99-5 of 6 January 1999 on dangerous and stray animals and on the protection of animals

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency -
13. Confidentiality No
14. Fiscal measures No
15. Impact assessment An impact assessment has been carried out. In order to draft this text numerous consultations have taken place with representatives of professional organisations, animal protection associations, professional and amateur animal breeders, representatives of pedigree records, of the veterinary profession, scientists and ministries concerned with the application of the text (the Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development and the Ministry of Finance).
16. TBT and SPS aspects TBT and SPS aspects (Agreements drawn up within the framework of the WTO)
TBT aspect (Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade) a) NO iii) The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.
SPS aspect (Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures) a) No
b) ii) The content of the draft is substantially the same as that of an international standard, directive or recommendation. iii) The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.
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