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Order governing the harvesting and marketing of forest (common ash) reproductive material (fraxinus excelsior L.)

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4. Notification Number

99/0185/F

5. Title

Order governing the harvesting and marketing of forest
(common

ash) reproductive material (fraxinus excelsior L.)

6. Products Concerned

Forest (common ash) reproductive material (common-ash seeds
and seedlings)

7. Notification Under Another Act

No.



8. Main Content

Directive 66/404/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of forest reproductive material states in Article 2.3 that Member States may voluntarily apply to their own territory measures relating to said Directive for species to which said Directive does not necessarily apply (species not listed in Article 2.1 of the Directive).

The present Draft Order does not create obstacles to the free movement of common-ash seeds and seedlings legally placed on the market in other Member States. It applies to seeds and seedlings from these Member States that are produced in France with a view to being marketed there.

The Forestry Code (which contains the provisions of Directive 66/404 of 14 June 1966) states in Article L. 551-1 that the list of forest species concerned should be determined by ministerial order.

This list is set by the Order of 23 January 1979, most recently amended by the Order of 21 December 1993, on the marketing of forest reproductive material (cf.: Annex 1 to said Order).

The Order of 8 June 1973 should also be amended in order to set the minimum germinating power and purity of a batch of samara (ash seeds) intended for marketing.

Article 6 of the Draft Order governing the harvesting and marketing of forest (common ash) reproductive material (*fraxinus excelsior* L.) lays down the date on which these provisions shall enter into force.

Article 7 lays down provisions regarding material in stock.

References to ash in the Order of 28 November 1991, under which this species has up until now come, should also be deleted: this is the purpose of Articles 3 and 4 of the notified Draft Order.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Common ash is an important forest species that produces high-quality wood used mainly for making furniture. Using this species by reafforestation represents approximately 2,000 hectares per year, which corresponds to the marketing of 2.5 million seedlings in France.

Depending on the year, one to two tonnes of samara are harvested.



It is the fifth broad-leaved species in terms of the number of seedlings sold.

The importance this species has taken on in the last ten years has led to the marketing of this forest reproductive material being regulated in order to guarantee users seeds and seedlings of genetic origins that are adapted to plantations' climatic and habitat-specific conditions in order to guarantee the long-term production of high-quality wood.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- a. - (EEC) Directive 66/404 of 14 June 1966, most recently amended by (EEC) Directive 90/654 of 4 December 1990, on the marketing of forest reproductive material;
 - Consumer Code, Book 2, Heading 1, Chapters II to VI
 - Forestry Code, Book V, on the improvement of forest species;
 - Order of 8 June 1973, most recently amended by the Order of 7 October 1994, on standards relating to the outer quality of forest reproductive material;
 - Order of 22 January 1979 on the authorisation of base materials intended for the production of forest reproductive material;
 - Order of 23 January 1979, most recently amended by the Order of 21 December 1993, on the marketing of forest reproductive material;
 - Order of 28 November 1991 on trade in forest reproductive material of certain forest species.
- b) -
- c) -

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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