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Decree relating to environmental certification and to the reserved term "from a farm with high environmental value"

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késéseket - Ma' jiftaħx il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Мääräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Agricultural products and foodstuffs, excluding products from fish farming and forestry activities.

7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

Three levels of environmental certification for farms are available depending on environmental performance, and were introduced in Article 109 of Act 2010-788 on the national commitment to the environment. A farm with level 3 certification can use the term "farm with high environmental value" and display the reserved term "produced on a farm with high environmental value" on its products.

The draft decree forming the subject of the notification sets out the conditions for using the reserved term and defines the sanctions applicable for non-regulatory use of the two aforementioned terms.

Key words: environmental certification for farms, "high environmental value", labelling, reserved term.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The aim of environmental certification for farms is firstly to encourage ongoing progress for all agricultural production systems in terms of biodiversity, phytosanitary strategy, fertilisation management and water resource management, and secondly to promote recognition by society at large of farmers using these more environmentally friendly methods of production, including through the use of a reserved term on these products, identifiable by the consumer.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Reference texts: - Article 31.b) of Act 2009-967 to implement the findings of the Grenelle Environment Forum

- Article 109 of Act 2010-788 on the national commitment to the environment
- Decree relating to environmental certification for farms

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure No
12. Grounds for the Emergency
13. Confidentiality No
14. Fiscal measures No
15. Impact assessment
16. TBT and SPS aspects TBT relevance
NO - The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.
SPS relevance
No – The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure.
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