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## **Order relating to the construction and monitoring of thermometers intended to measure the temperature of perishable foodstuffs.**

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DIRECTIVES 83/189/EEC, 88/182/EEC AND 94/10/EC  
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**1. Structured Information Line**

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**2. Member State**

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**3. Department Responsible**

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**5. Title**

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thermometers intended to measure the temperature of  
perishable foodstuffs.

**6. Products Concerned**

Thermometers used by State officials to monitor the  
temperature of perishable foodstuffs or thermometers used for  
expert appraisals with regard to the same foodstuffs.

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

Main content: the text specifies construction requirements  
and methods relating to metrological monitoring. It makes  
further mention of the general specification relating to  
measuring instruments contained in Annex II to Directive  
92/2/EEC relating to the monitoring of the temperature of  
deep-frozen foodstuffs intended for human consumption. These  
provisions extend to all perishable foodstuffs, i.e. for  
temperatures ranging from - 300C to 700C. It imposes the  
requirements contained in French experimental standard XP E  
18-017 relating to thermometers for measuring the internal



temperature of deep-frozen, frozen and refrigerated foodstuffs, as well as ice creams. It is understood that when a European standard exists, thermometers which conform to this standard shall be accepted.

#### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

The State departments responsible for monitoring foodstuffs as well as the legal experts would like to possess authentic thermometers, i.e. thermometers which are duly and regularly approved and checked pursuant to official regulations.

#### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

Directive 92/2/EEC

Decree no. 88-682 of 6 May 1988

Order of 1st March 1990

Standard XP E 18-017

Since the Decree of 6 May 1988 and the Order of 1 March 1990 have been the subject of recent notifications, the former are not enclosed (notification 96/0230/F).

#### **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

No

#### **12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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#### **13. Confidentiality**

No

#### **14. Fiscal measures**

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