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## Draft Order laying down the health and safety conditions to be complied with when tattooing by piercing the skin and when body piercing

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### Message

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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 késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien  
- Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud -  
Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist.

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#### 4. Notification Number

2006/0438/F - S00S

#### 5. Title

Draft Order laying down the health and safety conditions to be complied with when tattooing by piercing the skin and when body piercing

#### 6. Products Concerned

Practices of tattooing by piercing the skin and body piercing.

#### 7. Notification Under Another Act

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#### 8. Main Content

The draft Order is made up of 4 titles:

Title 1: Hygiene procedures applicable to the client and the operator: disinfection of the area of skin or mucous membrane, wearing of single-use gloves.

Title 2: Conditions and procedures relating to material: single-use or sterilisation

Title 3: Conditions and procedures relating to sites and furniture: arrangement of sites, materials, methods of cleaning.

Title 4: Transitional provisions: application dates

#### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

At present, tattooing and piercing are not subject to any legislation and are practised by persons who do not come under any occupational status (craftsmen, traders, artists etc.), the rules of which would apply to them. These practices may undermine health safety by presenting infection, toxicological and even allergy risks.

#### 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Reference documents, basic texts

a) Articles R. 1311-1 and R 1311-3 of the Public Health Code

b) Order of 7 September 1999

#### 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

YES.

#### 12. Grounds for the Emergency

The rapid increase in the number of professionals practising tattooing and piercing, often in bad hygiene conditions (beaches, markets, discotheques, etc.), means that it is necessary to make these measures applicable as rapidly as possible.

#### 13. Confidentiality

NO



#### 14. Fiscal measures

b) NO

#### 15. Impact assessment

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#### 16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect (Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade)

a) NO

b) iii) The draft will not have any notable impact on international trade.

SPS Aspect (Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures)

a) NO

b) i) The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure pursuant to Annex A to the SPS Agreement.

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