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Decree amending the Decree of 10 February 1989 relating to the maximum level of pesticide residues permissible in and on cereals intended for human consumption.

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4. Notification Number

98/0238/F

5. Title

Decree amending the Decree of 10 February 1989 relating to
the maximum level of pesticide residues permissible in and on
cereals intended for human consumption.

6. Products Concerned

Plant protection products for agricultural use

7. Notification Under Another Act

No

8. Main Content

The Decree establishes maximum pesticide residue levels
permissible in and on cereals intended for human consumption:

- established by the Community within the framework of
European harmonisation,



- recommended by reporting officials regarding the substances referred to in Directive 93/57 for which a position has not yet been adopted,
- left to the initiative of the States in the case of open values for which decisions have not yet been passed and for which Member States can put forward values,
- proposed by the Committee for the study of the toxicity of pesticides for agricultural use since there is no harmonisation.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The calculation of the risk for the consumer has been assessed for each of the substances. It consists of the calculation of the exposure ratio (from consumption levels and the calculation of the theoretical maximum daily intake) and the danger (from the daily dose permitted with reference to the weight of the consumer concerned). This ratio must be less than 100, and, if this is not the case, the residue test medians or the transfer factors are used to obtain a closer estimate of the reality. Where the estimated daily intake still exceeds the daily dose permitted, the holders of the substance are requested to stop certain uses in order to fix their maximum residue limit at the detection limit.

The consumers under consideration are:

4-month-old babies weighing 6.2 kilograms, average consumers and extreme consumers (95 percentile). The consumption of foodstuffs is given by the French food consumption watchdog for adults, and by a Sofres study dating from 1989 for babies. For adults, the calculations were made taking 90% of the permitted daily dose (10% of the permitted daily dose being reserved for drinks). For babies, the recommendations of the

French Higher Health Council were followed, taking 50% of the daily dose permitted for substances whose risk phase is R40 and or R48 and 90% for the other substances; this was in order to take into account the greater fragility of the first stages of development.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- Council Directive no. 96/33/EC of 21 May 1996 amending the Annexes to Directives 86/362/EEC et 86/363/EEC on the establishment of maximum pesticide residue levels on and in cereals and animal-based foodstuffs.
- Council Directive no. 86/362/EEC of 24 July 1986 concerning the establishment of maximum pesticide residue levels on and in cereals.
- Council Directive 83/189/EEC of 28 March 1983 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations.
- Consumer code and, in particular, article L. 214-1 thereof



- Decree no. 71-644 of 30 July 1971 implementing the Law of 1 August 1905, amended with regard to the residues of products used in agriculture and in breeding which may be tolerated in foodstuffs and drinks.
- Decree of 10 February 1989 on the maximum pesticide residue levels permitted in and on cereals intended for human consumption.

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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