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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Hermetically-sealed coffins intended for the transportation
of corpses in application of international conventions and
the burial of persons deceased as a result of contagious
diseases, a list of which is laid down in the Order of 20
July 1998.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. This draft defines the obligatory requirements for
hermetically-sealed coffins. These requirements include:



- materials: zinc or non-chromium plated galvanised iron
- method of closure: cold welding or bonding,
- the conditions for verification of air-tightness of models of coffin,
- equipment with a gas purification filter of a model in accordance with the provisions of the Communes Code,
- the guarantees to be provided by the manufacturer or importer, on the one hand, and the funeral company, on the other, of the conformity of imported and marketed coffins with the present regulations.

9. This text is drawn up in application of Decree no. 97-503 of 21 May 1997 providing for measures for administrative simplification. It replaces the national approval procedure, after advice from an expert source, previously in place, with technical provisions laid down by order.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- a. - Articles R 363-27 and 363-28 of the Territorial Collectives Code (previous wording);
- Decree no. 97-503 of 21 May 1997 laying down measures for administrative simplification (extract).
- b. -
- c. -

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

Yes

12. Grounds for the Emergency

The abovementioned Decree sets the date of entry into force of

the new provisions as the first day of the sixth month following its publication. This date has passed and there is currently a gap in the law.

13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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