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Decree relating to electronic calculators with a specific function for converting the national currency into Euro currency.

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Decree relating to electronic calculators with a specific function for converting the national currency into Euro currency.

6. Products Concerned

Electronic pocket calculators with a specific function for converting French Francs into Euro currency and vice versa, and, where necessary, for converting other monetary units.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The requirements of the Decree include the terms of Council Regulation no. 1103/97 of 17 June 1997 establishing certain provisions with regard to the introduction of the Euro currency:

- utilisation of 6 figure conversion rates which will be set by the European Union Council on the day of the entry into force of the third phase of implementation of currency Union;



- ban on the use of inverse rates calculated from conversion rates;
- adherence to rules for approximating figures

Provision is made for making the wording "conforms to (EC) regulation no. 1103/97" compulsory on calculators, in order to allow buyers to distinguish equipment which perform precise conversions from sensitization [sic] devices which were placed on the market at an earlier date and which will not adhere to the requirements due to the establishment of conversion rates from 1999 onwards.

Moreover, an algorithm which may only be finalised when the Euro currency-Franc conversion rate has been established will allow the control departments to readily check, in all circumstances, whether pocket calculators do in fact adhere to these requirements.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

It has been noted that numerous organisations sought to make available to the public, equipment designed to convert Euro currency values indicated into francs. These products have been adopted as either non-electronic conversion tables or as electronic pocket calculators incorporating a specific conversion function. Consequently, the objective of this Decree is to make it possible for consumers to have a specific tool in order to perform or verify those conversion results which are presented to them and to instill extra confidence with regard to conversion into Euro currency.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Consumer Code a: article L. 214-1

Council Regulation EC n) 1103/97 establishing certain provisions relating to the introduction of Euro currency.

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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