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Draft Decree on the use of the term "integrated agriculture"

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

This draft concerns products from farms and processed products manufactured from these products.

7. Notification Under Another Act

a) Framework Directive 2000/13/EC on the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs (OJ L 33/79).

8. Main Content

The use of the term "integrated agriculture" or any other equivalent designation is reserved for qualified integrated agriculture farms in implementation of Decree No 2002-631.

Any reference to integrated agriculture must be made in the form of a unique mark under set conditions. Use of this reference is subject to the implementation of a traceability system at every sector stage, from production to sale to consumers.

The draft includes a recognition clause for equivalent systems of the Member States of the European Union and the European Economic Area.

Penalties are laid down with regard to those who do not comply with the provisions of this text.

Key words: integrated agriculture; environmentally-friendly agricultural practices; labelling.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The principles of this draft text are the result of work undertaken within the framework of a council which brings together the agricultural sector and consumer representatives in particular.

It is important to reserve the term "integrated agriculture" for farms that respect the public reference of integrated agriculture and to regulate its use so as not to cause confusion, particularly with regard to marks of the quality and origin of products.

This reference on products is an option which allows farmers to have their efforts recognised and allows consumers to choose products of integrated agriculture.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- Article 58 of Law No 2001-420 of 15 May 2001 on new economic regulations;
- Decree No 2002-631 of 25 April 2002 on the qualification of farms for integrated agriculture;
- Order of 30 April 2002 on the integrated agriculture reference;
- Orders (3) of 30 April 2002 on national and regional integrated agriculture committees.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

Yes

12. Grounds for the Emergency

The term "integrated agriculture" is already in use now. However, as soon as the first farms are qualified, probably towards mid-2003, it is important that the term is reserved solely for qualified integrated agriculture farms and that its use is regulated.



13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

a) ? Information regarding the impact assessment can be found in the following pages.

A Member State which drafts a notification and performs an impact assessment, citing the results in the explanatory part of the notified draft, must indicate where this information can be found in the submitted documents.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect (Agreement on technical barriers to trade)

a) No

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

SPS aspect (Agreement on sanitary and phytosanitary measures)

a) No

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

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