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## **Draft decree implementing the Consumer Code with regard to cheese.**

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**4. Notification Number**

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**5. Title**

Draft decree implementing the Consumer Code with regard to cheese.

**6. Products Concerned**

Cheese spread



## 7. Notification Under Another Act

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## 8. Main Content

The aim of this decree is to amend the provisions of article 4 of the Decree of 30 December 1988 regulating the composition of cheese spreads. It provides for a reduction in the minimum dry matter content in cheese spread, which is changed to 40 grams per 100 grams instead of 43 grams per 100 grams of the product after total dehydration.

## 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The proposed draft amendment has received the favourable opinion of the National Interprofessional Centre for the Dairy Economy (French abbreviation - CNIEL) and the National Federation of Milk Producers (French abbreviation - FNPL).

The new regulatory provisions are intended to bring the criteria for the composition of cheese spreads manufactured in France into line with those in force in other countries of the European Union, particularly in Belgium, Denmark, Great Britain, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Greece.

The reduction of the minimum dry matter content will make it possible to produce cheese spreads with a more unctuous texture, which are better suited to current consumer tastes.

## 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) Decree n°88-1206 of 30 December 1988 implementing the Consumer Code and the Act of 2 July 1935 with regard to cheese.

## 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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