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## **Order authorising the use of road marking products which are visible during the night and in the rain.**

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**5. Title**

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visible during the night and in the rain.

**6. Products Concerned**

Products for marking roadways which are visible during the  
night and in the rain (road signs).

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

The present technical regulations define the technical  
specifications and test conditions for road marking products  
which are visible at night in the rain, as well as the  
authorisation procedure for use which is applicable thereto.  
The regulations are based on French standards and the modes  
of operation which are akin to the European standards  
currently in draft form. The present technical regulations  
shall conform to the harmonised European standards upon  
publication thereof. This also applies to the conformity



certification mode.

The technical specifications, designed for the purposes of performance, do not restrict the choice of technologies used.

#### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

Signalling by marking roadways is a very important safety element for the road user. A noticeable reduction in the visibility of markings caused at night by rain has led to the design of new specific products allowing good visibility of markings in adverse weather conditions. The establishment of qualification regulations has therefore been decided in order to check the performance and safety of products.

#### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

French standards relating to horizontal road signs. Marking products applied to roadways: NFP 98-601, 98-609.1, 98-609.2, 98-612.

#### **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

No

#### **12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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#### **13. Confidentiality**

No

#### **14. Fiscal measures**

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