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SOOS - Draft Order establishing the list of categories for medical devices mentioned in point 5 of Article L. 5211-6 of the Public Health Code

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Medical devices.

7. Notification Under Another Act

No.

8. Main Content

Article L. 5211-4 of the Public Health Code stipulates that after certification of conformity with the essential requirements concerning the health and safety of patients, users and third parties, medical devices whose design or manufacture could be at the origin of specific health risks may only be put into service, made available free of charge or in return for payment, or used if they have been declared at least three months prior to their placing on the market to AFSSAPS (French Agency for safety of health products).

A draft Decree, which has also been the subject of a notification, lays down the typology of the categories of medical devices subject to this declaration as well as the attached procedure. It also specifies that the list of these categories is laid down by an Order from the Minister responsible for health.

The text which is notified to you constitutes the draft of the first Order laying down this list, on the understanding that this Order must be re-examined at least every two years (provision provided for by the Decree).

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

See explanatory statement set out for the draft Decree

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Council Directive 93/42/EEC of 14 June 1993 concerning medical devices

Directive 98/79/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 1998 on in vitro diagnostic medical devices

Public Health Code, particularly Articles L. 5211-4 and L. 5211-6 (Point 5)

Draft Decree concerning medical devices which must be declared prior to their placing on the market and amending Title V(a) of the Public Health Code

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

Yes

12. Grounds for the Emergency

It is necessary to swiftly adopt this Decree and this Order for the protection of public health. According to information from AFSSAPS, the measures likely to be taken pursuant to these texts could, for example, affect the potential risk of transmission of the BSE agent to man (see explanatory statement supplementing the notification sheet).

13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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