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Draft Decree on the quality of category A pasteurised butter.

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Draft Decree on the quality of category A pasteurised butter.

6. Products Concerned

Butter

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

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9. Brief Statement of Grounds

This draft Decree aims to lay down the organoleptic and physico-chemical criteria which butter marked "pasteurised A" must meet.

In the provisions laid down in Article 6 therein, Council Regulation (EC) No 2991/94 of 5 December 1994, laying down standards for spreadable fats, specifies that Member States may adopt or retain national regulations



laying down different quality levels for butter. In accordance with these provisions, French legislation permits the use of the term "pasteurised A" on the labelling of butters prepared in particular without cream and which meet the organoleptic or physico-chemical criteria.

The criteria proposed in the draft text concern the appearance and flavour of the butter as well as its maximum free fatty acid content which must be less than 0.35, expressed as oleic acid.

b) As laid down in Article 6 of the aforementioned Council Regulation (EC) No 2991/94, products from other Member States which meet the criteria may also carry the quality mark "pasteurised A". To this end, the body of the text contains a mutual recognition clause concerning butters from other Member States or from EFTA States.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Decree No 88-1204 of 30 December 1988 governing the manufacture and sale of butters and certain speciality dairy products.

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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