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# Decree regarding the prevention of risks connected to works bearing on trees in the environment of electrical lines and amending the Labour Code.

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# Message

Message 002

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késéseket - Ma' jiftaħx il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Мääräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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## 4. Notification Number

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#### 5. Title

Decree regarding the prevention of risks connected to works bearing on trees in the environment of electrical lines and amending the Labour Code.

## 6. Products Concerned

Works involving trees in the environment of overhead electrical lines

## 7. Notification Under Another Act

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## 8. Main Content

The notified text may except by order, for works bearing on trees in the overhead electrical line environment (except for similar works carried out on silvicultural or forestry work sites not concerned) the safety distances to maintain regarding electrical lines provided that new safety measures are implemented. It also takes vegetation into account when calculating safety distances.

The measures proposed in the order are subject to a separate notification. These are mainly as follows:

- measurement by telemetric means, every ten minutes, of the position of vegetation in relation to the lines.
- prohibition or strict control of use of works machines with long handles:
- limit of use of mobile work equipment;
- reinforcement of safety training for operators and monitoring of work sites.

Keywords: works bearing on trees / overhead electrical lines environment / safety distances / worker protection

# 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Transport and electricity distribution network managers wish to reduce the number of electrical line outages. Therefore the regulations in force (Articles R.4534-108 to R.4534-125 of the Labour Code) are poorly applied. Furthermore, they are also not suited for the safety measures that they recommend if it is impossible to switch off the voltage, following the example of placing obstacles or appointing monitors to check that operators do not infringe the safety distances. In addition, they do not take into account the vegetation for calculating the safety distances to maintain for electrical lines. The draft decree notified is therefore intended to define new rules, which are safer and more appropriate for the works in question.

## 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) Articles R. 4534-1, R. 4534-107 to R. 4534-109, R. 4534-111 to R. 4534-121, R. 4534-123 to R. 4534-125 of the Labour Code (issued by the codification of the Decree of 8 January 1965 "regarding particular protection

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and health measures applicable to establishments where personnel carry out building works, public works, and all other works concerning buildings"). 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure NO 12. Grounds for the Emergency 13. Confidentiality NO 14. Fiscal measures NO 15. Impact assessment 16. TBT and SPS aspects TBT relevance a) NO b) i) The draft is not a technical regulation or a conformity assessment procedure pursuant to Annex 1 of the TBT Agreement. SPS relevance b) i) The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure pursuant to Annex A of the SPS Agreement. Catherine Day Secrétaire général Commission européenne Point de contact Directive 98/34 Fax: (32-2) 296 76 60 email: dir83-189-central@ec.europa.eu

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