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Draft repealing administrative decision on the security grant for operators of establishments for the sale of tobacco

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Message

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

The aim of the abovementioned draft administrative decision is to redefine the conditions appertaining to the security grant for operators of establishments for the sale of tobacco, consisting in the installation of various pieces of security equipment - including strongboxes - which comply with either French standards or with technical specifications or manufacturing processes in force in other Member States of the European Union, other States signatory to the Agreement on the European Economic Area or in Turkey.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

Redefinition of the conditions for the awarding of a State grant to operators of establishments for the sale of tobacco who wish to strengthen security measures on their business premises.

Pre-litigation. Complaint P/2003/4359 "grant for strongboxes" (Articles 28-30 of the EC treaty)

The Notification of the Official Bulletin on the basis of Directive 98/34 was brought about by the Commission's comments sent to us in its preparation sheet for the "packet" meeting.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

In France, due to the monopoly in the retail sale of manufactured tobaccos, operators of establishments for the sale of tobacco are considered to be State employees. As such, they are in possession of highly-taxed tobacco products and excise stamps. As they are frequently subject to assault and burglaries, the State provides them with a grant in order that they may improve the security of their business premises.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Administrative decision No. 04-026 of 26 March 2004

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No



12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

Yes

15. Impact assessment

No

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect (Agreement on technical barriers to trade)

No

SPS Aspect (Agreement on sanitary and phytosanitary measures)

No

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