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Decree amending the mandatory safety requirements applicable to football, handball, field hockey and indoor hockey goals and to basketball backboards (Articles R. 322-19 et seq. of the sports code)

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Football, handball, field hockey and indoor hockey goals and basketball backboards

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

Existing safety standards concerning football, handball, field hockey and indoor hockey goals and basketball backboards set out the mandatory safety standards applicable to such products, as well as the obligations applicable to the different parties involved: importers, vendors, distributors, operators, etc.

The draft is intended to authorise the use of free-standing goals with counterweights, which is currently prohibited in France, without exception, subjecting them to the same safety requirements as other types of goal that are already authorised.

In line with existing standards, the draft redefines the scope of sports goals used in France: firstly for non-moveable equipment, which has to be provided with permanent attachment means at the time it is placed on the market, and secondly for moveable equipment, which has to be provided with permanent, integral attachment means or counterweights at the time it is placed on the market.

The stability and solidity tests currently provided for in the regulation shall be withdrawn as part of this process in favour of those provided for in the standards relating to the design and use of the goals, references to which shall be published in the Official Journal of the French Republic (JORF), compliance with which shall constitute regulatory compliance.

This draft shall also facilitate monitoring of implementation of such new equipment by requiring all accidents to be reported.

Finally, the regulation shall incorporate the principle of mutual recognition.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

This draft decree is intended to:

- enable the use in France of free-standing moveable goals with counterweights, which are already in use in other European countries, in line with European design standards,
- encourage the free movement of products within the Union (withdrawal of type A divergence issued by France



in standards EN 748 and EN 1270),

- enable the use of free-standing goals with counterweights in France, which shall be used during Euro 2016 being organized in France from 10 June to 10 July 2016 (training pitches, events organized by regional authorities and associations, primarily),

- for the sake of simplification, refer to standards, compliance with which shall constitute an assumption of regulatory compliance, in particular in relation to stability and solidity tests,

- enable the French football association (FFF) to allocate resources to owners and operators of sporting equipment for the purchase of moveable goals.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Reference(s) to basic text(s): - Articles L. 221-1 and L. 221-3 of the consumer code: legal grounds for the regulation on the safety of sports goals,

- Articles R. 322-19 et seq. of the sports code (previously Decree No 96-495 of 4 June 1996): mandatory safety requirements applicable to football, handball, field hockey and indoor hockey goals and to basketball backboards,

- Article Annex III-1 of the sports code: testing methods used to check the strength of equipment and attachment devices or of counterweights, pursuant to Article R. 322-22, first paragraph of said code,

- Article Annex III-2 of the sports code: testing methods used to check, at the time of initial installation, the stability and solidity of equipment provided for use by users, the manager of the facility being responsible for said tests, pursuant to Article R. 322-25, first paragraph of said code,

The reference texts shall be sent as part of the preceding notification: 2008/126/F

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - the draft has no significant impact on international trade.



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Single Market for goods
Prevention of Technical Barriers

SPS aspect

No - the draft is neither a sanitary nor phytosanitary measure.

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