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Draft decree on general requirements for small-scale geothermal activities

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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 késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - He ce предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Vertical geothermal probes

Refrigerant used in a closed-loop heat exchanger

Slurry used for cementing closed-loop heat exchangers

Ancillary equipment (heat pumps and intermediate heat exchangers)

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The draft decree defines the general technical requirements for small-scale geothermal fields (at depths of 10-200m). It sets out the conditions for setting up a small-scale geothermal facility, the protection measures to be put in place when carrying out geothermal work, when its operations are shut down and the arrangements for monitoring and maintaining the facility.

The provisions aim to regulate geothermal facilities in order to ensure the sustainability and thermal performance of facilities, and to prevent risks for buildings and for the environment, particularly as regards maintaining the quality of water resources.

This text forms part of a wider framework aimed at simplifying the procedures applicable to geothermal work (simplified declaration system), mapping out the areas where geothermal work entails significant geothermal risks, developing skills among drilling companies and establishing a network of qualified experts to prevent geothermal risks.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The provisions aim to regulate geothermal facilities implemented by drilling companies with professional, technical and financial competence in line with best practice, taking account of the installation site of works, in order to ensure the sustainability of facilities and prevent risks to the environment, particularly as regards maintaining the quality of water resources.

This draft regulation aims to prevent geothermal accidents such as those that have occurred in France (in Lorraine and Alsace) and Germany (Baden-Württemberg).

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References to basic texts: Mining code, Articles L112-1 to L.112-3 and L.162-1 particularly:

- Decree 78-498 of 28 March 1978 on geothermal research and operating licences;
- Decree 2006-649 of 02 June 2006 on mining work, underground storage work and the policing of mines and



underground storage sites.
These texts are available on Legifrance

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

Yes

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

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

SPS aspect

No - the draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure.

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