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Order applying Article L 5232-1 of the Public Health Code to personal stereos

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Personal stereos ("any portable apparatus allowing the reproduction of sound or the reception of radio, or both, by means of headphones or earphones transmitting the sound to the ears of the user and which the user can use when travelling or moving")

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

In application of Article L 5232-1 of the Public Health Code aiming to protect the hearing of personal stereo users, this draft specifies the conditions for measuring the maximum sound power emitted by personal stereos. Furthermore, it lays down the provisions to take account of the association of the player with components of different manufacturers or even of different designs sold separately. It defines the nature of the health message specifying that extended listening to the personal stereo at maximum power can damage the user's ears. In relation to current regulations (the Order of 24 July 1998, Notification No 97/0775/F), the provisions relating to the affixing of the health message have been relaxed.

Keywords: personal stereos, hearing

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Studies carried out on secondary school pupils shows that 10% of them suffer from a pathological hearing loss. According to the French Environmental Health and Safety Agency, noise exposure, in particular rock concerts, discotheques and personal stereos, seems to be the major cause of hearing loss in young people below the age of 25.

In addition, the miniaturisation of personal stereos no longer allows the affixing of the health message laid down by current regulations.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) Article L 5232-1 of the Public Health Code (amended by Article 79 of Law No 2004-806 of 9 August 2004)

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 (Agreement on technical barriers to trade)

a) Yes

SPS Aspect (Agreement on sanitary and phytosanitary measures)

a) No

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