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Order on noise restriction in healthcare establishments

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1. Structured Information Line

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Order on noise restriction in healthcare establishments

6. Products Concerned

Construction products (acoustic linings, insulation, acoustic correction material)

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

This Order specifies the obligations incumbent upon builders of healthcare establishments with regard to acoustics where the dimensions used to express the requirements can be measured. The requirements concern the following indices: $D_{nT,A}$ (insulation between buildings), $D_{nTA,tr}$ (insulation against external noise), L_{nAT} (level of noise from equipment), $L'_{nT,W}$ (level of noise from impact), Tr (length of reverberation) and $A = S \times \alpha$ (equivalent absorption area of absorbent coatings).

These new provisions shall only apply to new buildings and new parts of existing buildings, and shall not have any retrospective effect.



9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Law No 92-1444 (in particular Article 14 thereof - codified as Article

L. 111-11 in the Construction and Housing Code) and its implementing Decree

No 95-20 of 9 January 1995 stipulate that the acoustic characteristics of buildings other than housing shall be the subject of orders laying down, for the different categories of premises and according to their use, the technical requirements and thresholds applicable to construction and fitting out, allowing the noise inside these premises to be restricted.

The aim of this draft Order is to restrict noise inside the patients' rooms, or other rooms where patients may be present. The performance levels determined are as a minimum.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

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11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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