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Draft order on the bringing into conformity of automatic garage doors.

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2. Member State

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Automatic garage door indicates a device for the automatic enclosure of premises.

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7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

First of all this ministerial order defines in detail the final opening and closing zones, which are the most dangerous zones through which an automatic door travels.

The second article of the Ministerial Order puts forward two solutions permitting safe contact by door aprons within predefined zones.

The first solution consists of restricting apron force and the second of the fitting of safety devices.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The need to regulate existing automatic garage doors emerged following the large number of accidents involving these products over several years. At the moment this area is not covered by any regulations.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

This ministerial order implements the decree on automatic garage doors deriving from Law No 89/421 of 23 June 1989, as transcribed into the building and dwelling code under Articles L 125-3, L 125-5 and L 125-5.

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11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

Yes

12. Grounds for the Emergency

Since 1986 45-50 serious accidents, 15 of which were fatal, have been recorded. These were due to the operation at the wrong time of automatic garage doors. In most cases the victims were young children aged 5-15 years who were crushed either by the lower part of the door or between the top of the door and the ceiling, or even between the door and a side wall. Fear of a chapter of accidents over the months to come, which is quite conceivable since there are currently 50000 automatic garage doors, has caused the French



authorities to invoke the emergency procedure, it thus being hoped that the existing stock will quickly be made safe.

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