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## Order amending the Order of 4 December 2008 establishing the conditions for using linseed oil for foodstuffs.

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### Message

Message 002

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No abre el plazo - Ne zahajuje 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 - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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#### **4. Notification Number**

2009/0498/F - C50A

#### **5. Title**

Order amending the Order of 4 December 2008 establishing the conditions for using linseed oil for foodstuffs.

#### **6. Products Concerned**

Linseed oil on its own or blended for foodstuffs usage.

#### **7. Notification Under Another Act**

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#### **8. Main Content**

The draft Order aims at authorising the use of virgin linseed oil or a blended version in common foodstuffs. It establishes the conditions for keeping virgin linseed oil to guarantee the stability of the product: packaging below 250 ml, optimal use-by date below 9 months, to be kept away from sunlight and heat, not to be used for frying purposes.

#### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

The draft Order amends the Order of 4 December establishing the ways to use linseed oil in human foodstuffs, based on Article 9 of Decree 2008-184 of 26 February 2008 relating to edible fats and oils. The initial Order provided for quality criteria concerning the use of refined linseed oil but did not authorise the marketing of virgin linseed oil. The present draft Order, which follows an opinion of the French Food Safety Agency (AFSSA), authorises the use of virgin linseed oil in common foodstuffs and in so doing adopts the same position as that of other Member States. Through its richness in alpha-linolenic acid (ALA), virgin linseed oil presents recognised nutritional properties but is sensitive to oxidation (source of polar components having harmful effects on human health). Good practice in keeping virgin linseed oil protected from air oxidation, high temperatures and light encouraging the evolution of the virgin linseed oil and the appearance of polar components. This draft text has been drawn up in dialogue with professionals.

#### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

a) Decree 2008-184 of 26 February 2008 implementing the Consumer Code with regard to edible fats and oils.  
Order of 4 December 2008 establishing the conditions for using linseed oil for foodstuffs.

c) 2006/0581/F, 2007/0098/F

#### **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

NO



## 12. Grounds for the Emergency

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## 13. Confidentiality

a) NO

## 14. Fiscal measures

b) NO

## 15. Impact assessment

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## 16. TBT and SPS aspects

OTC aspect

a) NO

b) iii) The draft has no significant effect on international trade.

SPS aspect

a) NO

b) i) The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure, in the sense of Appendix A of the SPS Agreement.

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