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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Toys and child-rearing articles intended to be put into the mouth by children under three months old and containing certain phthalates

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The draft concerns the prohibition of the use and marketing of toys and child-rearing articles containing certain phthalates, intended to be put into the mouth by children under three months old.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The aim of these measures is to protect the health of children. It has been proven that the phthalates present in toys children put into their mouths migrate very easily through the saliva. The risk evaluations carried out at the request of the Commission show a low safety margin for children who put the said toys in their mouths in relation to the levels of dose which show no effect. The Scientific Committee on Toxicology, Ecotoxicology and the Environment of the EU has expressed concerns with regard to the exposure of children to different phthalates. In conclusion, the European Commission, in its Recommendation of July 1998, invites the Member States to adopt measures in order to guarantee a higher level of safety for children. This draft has been drawn up within that framework.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

The Public Health Code, article L. 143 ;

Decree no. 45-1330 of 15 June 1945 establishing the list of poisonous and dangerous substances whose use is prohibited in the manufacture of toys and pastimes, supplemented by Decrees no. 48-1066 of 30 June 1948, no. 61-1406 of 18 December 1961, no. 69-886 of 24 September 1969, no. 79-95 of 21 January 1979, no. 81-720 of 20 July 1981 and no. 83-709 of 26 July 1983;

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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