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Draft Order on good manufacturing practices for raw materials for pharmaceutical purposes

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6. Products Concerned
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7. Notification Under Another Act
This notification is made in application of Article 8 of Directive 98/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 June 1998, amended, laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations and rules applying to Information Society Services.

8. Main Content
This draft Order aims to define the good practices applicable to the manufacture of raw materials for pharmaceutical purposes laid down in Article L. 5138-2 of the Public Health Code. According to this Article, raw materials for pharmaceutical purposes must comply with pharmacopoeial specifications where these exist and must be manufactured and distributed in accordance good practices whose principles are defined by Order of the Minister responsible for Health, adopted on the proposal of the French Agency for the Safety of Health Products (AFSSAPS).

The draft Order covers all raw materials for pharmaceutical purposes intended to be used in the composition of a medicinal product (active ingredients, excipients and outer-coatings intended to be administered to a patient).

9. Brief Statement of Grounds
The global health safety of a health product is only guaranteed provided each of the constituent stages in its production, distribution and use is guaranteed. The quality of medicinal product, which must be guaranteed for the user, can only be provided through the application of rigorous quality assurance principles at all stages of its production from the raw materials to the end product. It has however become necessary to define a reference system, in the form of good practices, which allows the necessary administrative measures, where applicable, to be adopted to maintain the health safety of these products.

The establishment of this reference system will go hand in hand with the possibility for operators to request conformity certificates for these good practices, in application of Article L. 5138-3 of the Public Health Code. The holding of these certificates from AFSSAPS should facilitate industrial exports since these certificates represent a "quality label" which can be recognised by third countries.

The principles of these good practices were those published in 1992 in the series of technical reports of the World Health Organisation, 32nd report of the Expert Committee on specifications related to pharmaceutical preparations in Annex 1, Chapter 18. This is a very basic guide which contains no insurmountable difficulties for manufacturers of raw materials for pharmaceutical purposes.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts
Public Health Code, in particular Articles L.5138-1, L.5138-2, L.5138-3; 32nd report of the WHO Expert Committee on specifications related to pharmaceutical preparations.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure
No

12. Grounds for the Emergency
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13. Confidentiality
No

14. Fiscal measures
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15. Impact assessment
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