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Order concerning rubber materials and objects in contact with foodstuffs or food products or beverages.

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4. Notification Number

93/0327/F

5. Title

Order concerning rubber materials and objects in contact with
foodstuffs or food products or beverages.

6. Products Concerned

Rubber objects intended to come into contact with foodstuffs,
and rubber or elastomer teats and dummies.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

This text has been drafted in accordance with article 4 of
decree no. 92-631 of 8.7.1992 (transcribing directive
89/109/EEC of 21/12/1988) and constitutes a package of
provisions which specifically relate to rubber objects
intended to come into contact with food.

The limits and restrictions concerning this type of material,
established on the grounds of concern for public health, shall
be reflected by compliance with the positive list of
constituents and/or by global and specific migration tests
carried out on finished rubber products which are ready for
use, as appropriate.

Because the applications of rubber intended to come into
contact with food are extremely diverse, categories of use
have been defined, accompanied by special conditions for
inertia tests, which are adapted to the actual conditions of
use.

Finally, article 8 and annex IV of this text transcribe
directive 83/11/EEC of 15.03.93 concerning the release of N-nitrosamines and other N-nitrosable substances



from elastomer
or rubber teats and dummies.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Natural or synthetic rubbers which come into contact with foodstuffs are by nature very similar to plastics. Unlike the latter materials, they have never been the subject of a specific national regulatory text. This text is intended to remedy this omission and is based on industrial practices observed in France, as well as on regulations specifically relating to rubber which may exist in other Member States. As far as possible, it is also consistent with the texts - whether adopted or at the draft stage - drawn up at Community level with regard to plastic materials intended to come into contact with food.

As rubber materials intended to come into contact with food are not a priority in the CEC's harmonisation programme, the French authorities deem it necessary to create national measures in this field. Obviously, these will be rendered compliant with the relevant Community provisions when the time comes.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Decree no. 92-631 of 8 July 1992 concerning materials and objects intended to come into contact with foodstuffs, products and beverages intended for consumption by humans or animals.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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