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Draft Order establishing the characteristics and fitted equipment required for road vehicles used for medical transport

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Road ambulances

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

As part of the European Commission's standardisation work dedicated to road ambulances, a standard applying to road medical transport vehicles was created in 2007. This was standard NF EN 1789: 2007, amended in 2010 and 2014, Medical Vehicles and their Equipment - Road Ambulances. This establishes a common framework for the manufacture of ambulances. The European countries have chosen, through this standard, to establish minimum requirements in terms of the mass and dimensions of ambulances, the strength of the stretcher fixture in the ambulance under heavy acceleration or braking and numerous other technical characteristics that are indispensable to ensuring that patients are transported under satisfactory conditions of safety.

The initial 2007 version of this standard had been incorporated into the French legal system by the Order of 10 February 2009 establishing the required conditions for road vehicles used for medical transport and their fitted equipment. This draft Order includes the content of the said Order of 2009, improving its presentation and removing the references to guide GA 64-022 to applying standard 1789, as requested by the Commission. It updates the reference to the standard, in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 214/2014 of 25 February 2014 amending Directive 2007/46/EC.

Furthermore, it provides for a correspondence to be established between the types of ambulance defined in standard NF EN 1789: 2007 and the categories of ambulance recognised in the French regulation (Articles 2 and 3 and Annex 1).

It also sets out the two possible means of verifying the conformity of medical vehicles (i.e. inspection of medical vehicles by regional health authorities or inspection by a certification body), in Article 5.

The list of materials and equipment that must be present in ambulances according to their category and use is presented in Annex 2.



The various premises used by medical transport undertakings, as well as the minimum conditions required of them, are specified in Annex 4 of the draft Order.

The colour of the bodywork of the medical vehicles and the characteristics of the distinctive insignia (the cross of life) are defined in Annex 5.

Finally, the conditions relating to the clothing worn by the staff of medical transport undertakings are set out in Annex 6.

Vehicles meeting these technical requirements will be issued with a medical vehicle certificate of conformity by an approved body or notified laboratory. The medical transporter shall present this medical vehicle certificate of conformity to the health authority in order to be authorised to perform medical transport duties, in accordance with Article R.6312-4 of the French Public Health Code.

This draft provides for the mutual recognition of certificates of conformity to standard NF EN 1789 issued by any notified laboratory in a Member State of the European Union, such that the principle of free movement of goods is respected.

This new technical regulation shall be applied progressively. As provided for in the Order of 10 February 2009 establishing the required conditions for road vehicles used for medical transport and their fitted equipment, currently in force and which this draft Order is intended to replace, it primarily concerns vehicles approved since 01/01/2010 but will apply to all road vehicles in circulation used for medical transport from 01/01/2021 onwards.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

This draft Order is intended to regulate road medical transport on the basis of a standard that has already been approved at European level and has already been incorporated into French law under the current Order of 10 February 2009, which this draft is intended to replace. Under Directive 2007/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for the approval of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles, and particularly Commission Regulations (EU) No 678/2011 and (EU) No 214/2014, standard NF EN 1789 establishes a list of technical requirements that France is implementing through this draft Order.

This draft Order does not impose any technical conditions additional to those mentioned in the aforementioned standard.

In accordance with Article 6.5 of standard NF EN 1789: 2007, the French authorities have decided to supplement certain requirements relating to the equipment list for road medical vehicles, which may be found in Annex 2 to the draft Order. This specific aspect of application of the standard remains limited and proportionate.

Furthermore, these additional requirements are justified in the interests of public health, a major objective of this regulation.

This draft makes it possible to delete all remaining references to the guide to applying standard NF EN 1789: 2007. Finally, it will be possible for the changes to standard NF EN 1789: 2007 (of which there have been two: amendment A1 in 2010 and amendment A2 at the end of 2014), to be incorporated into the national legal system.

Concerning the purpose of this draft, essentially aimed at making a European standard applicable, the French authorities are contributing to harmonisation of the market for road medical transport vehicles and equipment.



10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

No basic text(s) available.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - the draft complies with an international standard.

SPS aspect

No - the draft is neither a sanitary nor phytosanitary measure.

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