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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Textile products, leather products and similar products and
fur products and similar products.

7. Notification Under Another Act



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8. Main Content

This draft decree stipulates that textile products, leather products and similar products and fur products and similar products must be designed and manufactured in a way which prevents any risk to the user from certain chemical substances incorporated in these products which are likely to be a health risk in the conditions of use and maintenance intended for or reasonably envisaged by the manufacturer or the person responsible for first placing the item on the market.

Azoic colourings which may deteriorate to form carcinogenic arylamines, are banned in these products. A ministerial order contains the list of these arylamines. This order is also subject to the present notification.

It stipulates that an order shall determine the limit of their pentachlorophenol content as well as the method of analysis. This order is also subject to the present notification.

It specifies that these products must not release, through extraction, quantities of mercury, arsenic, cadmium, chrome cobalt, nickel, or lead which exceed the limits determined by a ministerial order.

The extraction methods are specified by the same order. This order will eventually be taken and will be the subject of a notification.

It stipulates that in the stages prior to the sale to consumers, that the wording "conforms to the requirements of decree no. ..." must appear on one of the commercial documents accompanying the products, in order to establish a continual responsibility across all those involved throughout, from the production to the marketing.

It specifies the methods for verifying conformance to safety requirements and makes it compulsory for certain information to appear on the products destined for the end consumer, in order to allow quick identification in the case of an inspection, of the offending item and the person responsible for first placing it on the market.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The aim of the present draft decree is to ensure consumer safety through the prevention of risks linked to the use of textile products, leather products and similar products and fur and similar products.

It has indeed been noted that some of these products which have been placed on the market contain topical chemical



substances with properties presenting a potential health risk as well as azoic colourings which may deteriorate to form carcinogenic arylamines.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Article L 221-3 of the Consumer Code.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

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14. Fiscal measures

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