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Message

Message 002

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Confectionery

7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

The Commission having pointed out to the French authorities that Decree No 2006-286 of 13 March 2006 on products composed of confectionery and inedible elements that are immovably attached to the confectionery at the moment of consumption includes a technical regulation that should have been the subject of a new communication at the draft stage, as stipulated in Article 8(1), third paragraph of Directive 98/34/EC, France has decided to repeal this Decree and to notify a new identical draft text accompanied by a draft notice to operators, which will be subject to the usual three month standstill period.

The technical regulation was added at the request of the Council of State during the reading of the previous draft Decree by the Senate. It is intended to broaden the scope of the text to include other inedible elements not immovably attached to the confectionery but forming part of the product which may, like inedible elements immovably attached to the confectionery, present a risk of suffocation through ingestion or inhalation or other risks in the event of ingestion (cf. Article 1, paragraph 2).

These elements may include, for example, the spray nozzle of liquid confectionery or the batteries in 'luminous confectionery' which form part of the product without being immovably attached to the confectionery in the way that a lollipop stick is, but which may become detached from the product at the moment of consumption and be placed in the mouth by a child under three years old.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Operators must ensure that all inedible elements, immovably and non-immovably attached to confectionery at the moment of consumption, conform to standard NF EN 71-1 of 1998 and standard NF EN 50088 of June 1996 before placing the products on the market.

It is therefore necessary to add to the draft Decree a notice (enclosed) to manufacturers, importers and

distributors of products referred to in the text. The French authorities plan to publish this notice at the same time as the Decree.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- Standard NF EN 71-1 of 1998 "physical and mechanical safety of toys" and amendment A8 thereto.
- Standard NF EN 50088 "safety of electric toys".
- Articles L. 221-3 and L. 221-5 of the Consumer Code.
- Order of 24 February 2005 suspending the import, export and placing on the market of luminous confectionery and ordering the destruction thereof.

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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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15. Impact assessment

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

a) No

b) iii) The draft will not have any notable impact on international trade.

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