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Decree concerning the prevention of risks resulting from the use of bunk beds intended for use in homes or communal areas.

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Decree concerning the prevention of risks resulting from the use of bunk beds intended for use in homes or communal areas.

6. Products Concerned

Bunk beds.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

This draft decree stipulates that bunk beds must be designed and manufactured so as to avoid physical damage to the user in normal conditions of use or in conditions which can be reasonably foreseen by the person responsible for first marketing the products.

The draft decree specifies that compliance with the safety requirements should be attested by the words 'conforme aux exigences de sécurité' ['complies with safety requirements'] which must appear on the product and on its packaging.

In order to meet the safety requirements, the draft decree stipulates that bunk beds must be manufactured in accordance with the relevant French or foreign safety standards, or must conform to a standard model which has received a certificate of compliance with the safety requirements.

In order to improve the information for the consumer on risk prevention, the draft decree stipulates that bunk beds must be accompanied by a technical identification sheet containing



useful information relating to suitability for use, the assembly procedure, the instructions for use and the precautions to be taken.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The aim of the present draft decree is to ensure the safety of consumers by the prevention of risks resulting from the use of bunk beds.

This is because a number of incidents and accidents have taken place in the furniture sector which have caused serious injuries or deaths, thus calling into question the absence of safety measures. Every year more than 150 serious accidents involving cranial injuries are recorded in connection with the use of bunk beds in France.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- Article L 221-3 of the Consumer Code.
- Opinion of the Commission on Consumer Safety of 9 May 1990.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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