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## Decree amending articles R.215-18 to R.215-20 of the Consumer Code on expert evaluations

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**4. Notification Number**

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**5. Title**

Decree amending articles R.215-18 to R.215-20 of the Consumer  
Code on expert evaluations

**6. Products Concerned**

Accreditation of laboratories responsible for carrying out  
official tests on all products

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

This Decree authorises recourse to private laboratories for  
official tests.

In addition, it gives a hierarchy of test methods which are  
recognised for the performance of official tests.

Key words: accredited laboratories, official methods

**9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

The text in force only authorises the accreditation of  
laboratories which belong to a public authority or which are  
State controlled. Taking into account the ever increasing

technical complexity of the tests, it is not always possible



to find a laboratory able to carry out the tests which fulfils these conditions.

**10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

Article 7.2 of Directive 89/397/EC lays down that the tests are to be performed by official laboratories. Member States may also authorise other laboratories to carry out these tests.

**11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

No

**12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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**13. Confidentiality**

No

**14. Fiscal measures**

No

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