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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Pigments and colouring agents used in the colouring of plastic materials, varnishes and coatings coming into contact with foodstuffs.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The aim of Article 1 is the authorisation of colouring agents which are currently used in the colouring of plastic materials and varnishes and coatings which come into contact with foodstuffs.

These colorants (pigments and colouring agents) should comply with specific purity standards which have been chosen on the basis of public health considerations, and particularly on the basis of Resolution AP (89) 1 of the Council of Europe (cf. Articles 2 and 3 of the text).

Finally, these pigments and colouring agents should be unreactive. This shall be checked by the method described in Annexe II, which makes it possible to determine that there has been no visible bleeding of the colouring agent or pigment in the plastic material. The method is described in Resolution AP (89) 1 of the Council of Europe.



9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Although bleeding of the pigments and colouring agents in the foodstuffs may be visible in most cases, experience shows that the harmlessness of the colouring agents which may be used is not always satisfactory. A choice should be made between these substances, after studying a file containing concise toxicological data, proof of their unreactiveness and their compliance with purity criteria. Following this choice, a positive list should be drawn up of the authorised pigments and colouring agents, as is done for the other additives in plastic materials (anti-oxidants, stabilisers, etc.), in order to ensure consumer safety. Furthermore, since this subject has not been classed as a priority in the harmonisation programme of the Commission of the European Communities, it has been deemed necessary to take national regulatory measures while awaiting Community provisions with which the French Authorities will certainly comply when the time comes.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Decree No. 92-631 of 8 July 1992 relating to materials and articles which are intended to come into contact with food and drink products for human or animal consumption.

Order of 13 November 1986 relating to the files concerning the request for authorisation to use the constituents of materials and articles which come into contact or are intended to come into contact with food and drink products.
Order of 19 December 1988 (bleeding of constituents).

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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