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## **Draft decree relating to the labelling for bovine meat Draft order relating to the labelling of bovine meat Draft order relating to the traceability of bovine meat**

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**5. Title**

Draft decree relating to the labelling for bovine meat  
Draft order relating to the labelling of bovine meat  
Draft order relating to the traceability of bovine meat

**6. Products Concerned**

Fresh bovine meat

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

Directive EEC/79/112 relating to the labelling of foodstuffs

**8. Main Content**

The aim of the draft Decree and Order relating to the  
labelling of bovine meat is to make compulsory on all meat  
sold [sic] statements relating to the origin, category and  
type of animal from which the meat is taken. This information

appears on the accompanying document for the cattle. For



animals which are born, reared and slaughtered in France, the labelling must state all of this information. For other animals, the labelling must state the known information.

The draft Order relating to traceability aims to ensure the follow-up of information appearing on the accompanying document for the cattle until the product is sold to the consumer.

### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

In the wake of the beef market crisis, it is essential that consumer confidence in the quality of these products is re-instilled. The National Consumer Council, which brings together all partners, economic operators and consumers has demanded in its opinion of 7 October 1996, which was adopted unanimously, that every consumer be informed of the origin, category and type of animal from which the meat he purchases originates. It is also requested that all operators are able to guarantee the traceability of the information which they put forward.

These three categories of information currently appear on the accompanying document for the cattle. Their consumer guarantees pose no problems. They are essential in ensuring market transparency.

### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

- rural code
- consumer code
- Decree no. 69-422 of 6 May 1969 relating to the identification of animals and zootechnical registrations
- Amended Decree no. 84-1147 of 7 December 1989 relating to the labelling and presentation of foodstuffs
- Decree no. 95-276 of 9 March 1995 relating to the permanent and generalised identification of bovine livestock

### **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

Yes

### **12. Grounds for the Emergency**

In the light of the difficulties in the beef market, consumers demand a minimum amount of information relating to the animal from which the meat originates. This information is essential for consumer confidence and for ensuring improved market transparency.

### **13. Confidentiality**

No

### **14. Fiscal measures**

No



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