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# Draft decree relating to cooling agents with a monoethylene glycol base.

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#### 5. Title

Draft decree relating to cooling agents with a monoethylene glycol base.

#### 6. Products Concerned

Products with a monoethylene glycol base, either ready for use or concentrated, which are intended for use as cooling agents or liquid coolants, for example in motor vehicles.,

#### 7. Notification Under Another Act

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# 8. Main Content

Obligation to add denatonium benzoate (an aversion agent) to ready-to-use products containing monoethylene glycol which are intended for use as cooling agents or liquid coolants. The proportion of aversion agent should be at least 20 mg per kg of product.

In the case of concentrated products which are intended for use in diluted form, the above-mentioned content should be 70 mg per kg, and dilution should not involve adding more than two and a half parts water to one part concentrated product.

#### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The sweet and pleasant taste of monoethylene glycol aqueous solutions may lead to these products being confused with drinks, which is the cause of serious accidents. These accidents may be avoided by replacing the monoethylene glycol with other substances which do not have the same organoleptic characteristics. The addition of a very bitter substance such as denatonium benzoate may also help to reduce these accidents.

# 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts



# EUROPEAN COMMISSION GROWTH DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

Single Market for goods Prevention of Technical Barriers

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure
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12. Grounds for the Emergency
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