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Draft Decree on the labelling of fish and crustaceans

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Draft Decree on the labelling of fish and crustaceans

6. Products Concerned

Fish and crustaceans

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

This text lays down that the wording "aquaculture" or "farmed" be added, in the designation of fish and crustacean, including where these are cooked or smoked, referring to the method of production where fish and



crustaceans have received feed supplied by producers. This designation must, in addition to the label, be carried on accompanying documents in order to facilitate inspection and ensure the traceability of products. This draft anticipates the implementation of the provisions concerning labelling established in Council Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products which from January 2002 will lay down the rules on labelling allowing in particular products which have been caught to be distinguished from products which have been farmed.

Key words: labelling, marine products, fish, crustacean, farmed, aquaculture

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The method of production for sea products is requested by consumers in order to improve the information they receive regarding the nature and characteristics of the product. In the fish and crustacean sector, the market share of farmed products is increasing, particularly in the case of species where there is competition with caught products. Therefore the distinction between these two methods of production is particularly valuable for consumer information and fair trade.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Consumer Code, Article L 214-1.

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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