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Draft Act concerning the accreditation and certification of products and services

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Draft Act concerning the accreditation and certification of products and services

6. Products Concerned

All products and services

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

In the specific area of voluntary certification of products and services, this draft legislative article is aimed at substituting an accreditation procedure for the current procedure of making a compulsory declaration of activities to the State.

The purpose of this modification is to strengthen consumers' confidence in certification by establishing a minimum level of competence and organisation for certifying bodies.

Mutual recognition is provided for by means of European Cooperation for Accreditation (EA).

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Faced with the ever increasing number of voluntary certification marks, the consumer is often in a quandary about the precise significance of these distinctive signs and may be led astray by certifications accorded without proper controls.

In order to ensure a high level of protection for consumers, it has appeared necessary to guarantee them access to reliable information, while improving the quality of the certifications issued. Accreditation guarantees that certification marks are affixed in conditions of transparency by bodies possessing qualifications and working methods recognised as being fit for that purpose.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Articles L. 115-27 to L. 115-32 of the Consumer Code

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

a) No

14. Fiscal measures



b) No

15. Impact assessment

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect (Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade)

b) No

i) This draft is not a technical regulation or a conformity assessment procedure pursuant to Annex 1 to the TBT Agreement.

SPS aspect (Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures)

b) No

i) The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure pursuant to Annex A to the SPS Agreement.

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