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Decree amending Decree No 92-1280 of 10 December 1992, amended by Decree No 2000-1003, laying down safety requirements relating to movable liquid fuel heating appliances and to their spare parts

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Heating appliances that are not connected to a flue for drawing off combustion products and that use liquid fuel, and some of their spare parts marketed separately

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

This text aims to:

- limit the surface temperature of parts that are active but accessible (top, protective grilles and air outlet grilles) and the air temperature in the blow-off zone;
- require more reliable atmospheric control devices than are currently provided on the appliances concerned;
- rectify a technical error (maximum power of the appliances) made when rewriting the annexes when the text was first amended in 2000: this value is returned to the initial value of 4.65 kW.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Hospitals have reported an increasing number of cases of children burning their hands by touching the top of appliances or the protective grilles or air outlet grilles, which may reach very high temperatures, although it is technically possible to limit these temperatures and most appliances already comply with the values set out in this text.

The atmospheric control devices currently used are devices using the correlation between temperature and CO₂ levels. Their reliability may be affected by actual conditions of use (initial temperature, air change, heat loss). Technical progress has made it possible to design safety devices based on other principles (direct measurement of CO₂, for example) which are more reliable because they do not depend on the conditions of use and they guarantee better safety for the users with regard to the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Article L 221-3 of the Consumer Code (legal basis); amended Decree No 92-1280 (consolidated text)

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

YES



12. Grounds for the Emergency

As stated in point 9, cases of children being burned are increasing, and it is necessary for manufacturers of appliances, mostly based in Asia, to comply with the temperature limits as soon as possible. Rapid publication of the text will allow its provisions to be enforced for the manufacture of appliances intended to be placed on the French market in autumn/winter 2004-2005.

13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

b. (impact assessment appended) Impact assessments

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