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Order suspending the placing on the market of products of bovine origin sent from Portugal

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Invocation of the Emergency Procedure : Yes

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Order suspending the placing on the market of products of
bovine origin sent from Portugal

6. Products Concerned

Bovine and bovine-based products and products containing the
same coming from Portugal

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The aim of the draft Order is, on the one hand, to transpose



the Commission's embargo decision of 18 November 1998 on Portuguese bovine products and, on the other hand, to regulate the problem of the stocks of these products which entered France before the embargo decision.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

France has decided to withdraw from the market and incinerate stocks of bovine and bovine-based products and products containing the same coming from Portugal. In fact, the Commission's decision is based on the risks to consumers posed by products produced using cattle slaughtered in Portugal, taking into account the recycling of risk materials in animal meal and the failings of the Portuguese epidemic surveillance system. Taking into consideration the principle of precaution, the French authorities consider that the products which entered France before 18 November 1998 present the same risk as those which entered France after this date. The expenses related to these provisions are to be borne by the holders.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- Commission Decision no. 98/653/EC of 18 November 1998 on urgent measures regarding protection against bovine spongiform encephalopathy (B.S.E.) in Portugal;
- articles L 221-1 and L 221-5 of the Consumer Code.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

Yes

12. Grounds for the Emergency

The health risks for consumers, taking into account the probable transmission of BSE to humans, are grounds for the urgent adoption of this measure.

13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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