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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

L-Tryptophan

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

This draft decree prohibits the use of L-Tryptophan in
medicines which are not the subject of a marketing licence
and in foodstuffs, with the exception, however, of certain
categories of products intended for a particular food.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

This draft decree assures the preservation of a prohibition
device, introduced firstly by means of orders dating from 4
January 1990.

The imposition of such provisions is motivated by reasons of
public health, taking into account the implication of L-Tryptophan in several cases of a severe eosinophilic
myalgia

observed firstly in the United States of America and
subsequently in several European countries, dating from the
second half of 1989.

Exceptions have been made in the prohibition rule for certain
categories of individual (infants, patients fed through
feeding tubes) whose food is only slightly or not at all
varied and comprises products manufactured industrially with
ingredients which do not naturally contain L-Tryptophan in



sufficient quantities.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Amended decree of 15 April 1912 passed to implement the law of 1st August 1905 on the prevention of fraud in the sale of goods and misrepresentations of foodstuffs in terms of foodstuffs and in particular meats, prepared meat products, fruit, vegetables, fish and preserves.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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