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Decree on the use of wooden materials in certain buildings

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4. Notification Number

2005/0392/F - B10

5. Title

Decree on the use of wooden materials in certain buildings

6. Products Concerned

Methods of calculating and displaying the quantity of wood in new buildings.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

In implementation of Article L 224-I-V of the Environmental Code, the draft Decree establishes a system enabling every project manager to assess the quantity of wood that he wishes to incorporate in his building and to set his own objective. The Decree therefore proposes a classification of buildings in accordance with the quantity of wood incorporated in the building. This quantity is greater than two cubic decimetres per metre squared of surface area. It is accompanied by a draft Order that specifies the methods of application and is the subject of a separate notification.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The aim of this measure is to fulfil the commitments that France undertook when it signed the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), in particular the Kyoto Agreement of November 1997, setting objectives for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by the various signatory States. Using wood for building enables greenhouse gas emissions to be reduced.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- a) Environmental Code Article L 224-1-V
- c) Previous notification: 2001/495/F

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

NO

12. Grounds for the Emergency

NO

13. Confidentiality

NO

14. Fiscal measures

NO

15. Impact assessment

a) Presentation text (impact assessment manual)

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect (Agreement on technical barriers to trade)

a) NO

b)iii) The draft does not have any notable impact on international trade.

SPS Aspect (Agreement on sanitary and phytosanitary measures)

a) NO

b) The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure within the meaning of Annex A to the SPS Agreement.

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