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Decree implementing the Consumer Code regarding leather goods and goods similar to leather.

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Decree implementing the Consumer Code regarding leather goods and goods similar to leather.

6. Products Concerned

Raw materials and semi-manufactured or manufactured products in which all or part of the product is in leather or looks like leather, excluding footwear and personal protective equipment.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The draft Decree repeals the Decree of 18 February 1986 on trading in leather goods and goods similar to leather to take up its provisions in a new form:

- It allows operators to include the name of the animal species on the labelling of products to which it is affixed rather than the name of the animal from which the leather is sourced. Therefore, operators who were not able to certify the precise origin of the leather other than by costly DNA analyses will be able to include only the name of the animal species;
- It allows the use of pictograms to complement the name of the raw materials under conditions defined in its draft implementing Order, also notified;
- It refers to the establishment of a certain number of definitions (definition of the animal species, the types of tanning, the surface conditions and the finish) in this same Order. These definitions, established by Order rather than in the body of the Decree as was previously the case, will thus be able to be amended more easily when developments in technique so require.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

By making a clear distinction between the ideas of animal species and the name of the animal and allowing operators to use one or other of these ideas to identify their products, the proposed revision makes the information given to the consumer more reliable while allowing operators greater flexibility.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Reference Documents, Basic Texts

Articles L214-1 and L214-2 of the Consumer Code.

Decree of 18 February 1986 (OJ of 27/02/1986) amended by Decrees No 89-292 of 10/05/1989 published in



the OJ of 11/05/1989 and No 96-477 of 30/05/1996 published in the OJ of 2/06/1996, implementing, as regards trade in leather goods and goods similar to leather, the Act of 1 August 1905 on fraud and falsification of products or services (this Act has been codified in the Consumer Code).

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

NO

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

NO

14. Fiscal measures

NO

15. Impact assessment

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect a) YES

The draft will be notified under the WTO TBT (Technical Barriers to Trade) Agreement.

SPS aspect a) NO

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

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