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Order on health conditions governing the introduction of domestic carnivorous animals, not intended for sale and accompanying travellers, into France from European Union Member States.

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Dogs, cats and ferrets not intended for sale, accompanying travellers and not covered by Council Directive No 92/65/EEC of 13 July 1992.

7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

The proposed order specifies the health policy conditions for the introduction of domestic carnivorous animals not intended for sale and accompanying travellers into France. In particular, these conditions are based on the requirement for the animals to be identified by tattooing or microchip, and to have undergone vaccination against rabies in the case of animals coming from countries that are not rabies-free. The order provides model health certificates which must be signed by the veterinary surgeon prior to departure. If a traveller wishes to import more than 3 animals, then the terms stipulated in the order transposing Directive 92/65 on commercial trade shall apply.

2. Introduction-carnivores.doc

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Background in brief: There is increasing mobility of people accompanied by their domestic pets over the territory of the European Union. At the same time, there is also an increase in imports from third countries, and France is amending the regulations applicable to these. It was therefore essential to review the whole system, especially given that France is working towards the total eradication of rabies on its territory and that the lifting of the quarantine on domestic animals entering the United Kingdom has been accompanied by new administrative and health provisions.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Reference Documents: Rural Code: particularly Articles L. 923-14, L. 936-1 and L. 936-2 Decree No 91-823 of 28 August 1991

Order of 12 October 1994 on commercial transactions between Community countries involving domestic carnivorous animals.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

Yes

12. Grounds for the Emergency

France is going to progress towards rabies-free status and must establish a reliable system capable of a fast response to the patterns of travellers entering and residing temporarily in France.

13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No



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