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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

The draft Decree concerns foodstuffs other than products relating to the Common Market Organisation for wine, aromatised wines and spirits, and non-food and non-processed agricultural products from French overseas departments (DOM).

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The proposed text defines the production, processing and packaging conditions for the products concerned which use the term 'country products' as well as the conditions for using the term 'country products' in the presentation and labelling of the products concerned.

The application of these terms is intended above all to guarantee that all steps in the production of the product, including the raw materials and animal feed used, are located in a French overseas department.

The proposed provision is in line with a concern that this designation should be legible for consumers and accessible for operators who wish to use it and that the market be effectively segmented in relation to other existing quality instruments (AOC-AOP, IGP and the RUP logo in particular).

The draft Decree proposes the possibility of penalties in the event of infringements.

The basic Law on agriculture of 2005 shows the designation 'country products', like the designations 'mountain' and 'farm products', in a category identified under the heading 'quality marks'.

Keywords: country products, overseas departments, quality mark

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The proposed text is intended to clarify existing situations with regard to use of the term 'country product' in order to promote the value of agricultural production in French overseas departments and to combat fraudulent use of such a quality mark on products which are not entitled to it.

This designation is intended to supplement the tools of the French policy of enhancing the value of agricultural and food products and to allow access to as many as possible. It is intended not to mislead consumers with regard to 'country products' while not establishing restrictions that are too strict and that would exclude a number of products on the one hand and increase their production cost on the other.



10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

The option to lay down, by Decree, conditions on the use of the term 'country products' is laid down in Article L. 640-2 of the Rural Code.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

NO

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

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14. Fiscal measures

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15. Impact assessment

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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

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