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Decree relating to the repairability index of electrical and electronic equipment

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidējimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késéseket - Ma' jiftaħx il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - He ce предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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4. 2020/0468/F - H00

5. Decree relating to the repairability index of electrical and electronic equipment

6. Electrical and electronic equipment for consumers: large household appliances, small household appliances, IT and telecommunications equipment, consumer equipment, electrical and electronic tools

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8. The repairability index consists of a score out of ten intended to be displayed at the time of purchase to inform



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consumers of the categories of electrical and electronic products. This score is obtained by dividing an overall score of one hundred points by ten according to five criteria, each scored out of twenty and of equal weight, making it possible to assess the reparability of the products concerned. These criteria are as follows: documentation provided by the manufacturer, ease of disassembly of the product, availability of spare parts, relationship between the price of the most expensive spare part and the price of the original product, usage counter (optional) or other criteria specific to the category of products concerned. The Decree covers all electrical and electronic equipment intended for consumers. For each category of electrical and electronic equipment, an order of the Minister for the Environment and the Minister for the Economy and Finance shall specify all of the criteria and sub-criteria including criteria specific to the category as well as the methods of calculating the index. The Decree nonetheless provides for gradual implementation, starting with the following categories of products: washing machines, smartphones, laptops, televisions, electric lawn mowers (battery, corded, robot). Producers, importers, or other parties placing electrical and electronic equipment on the market shall be required to calculate the index for the categories of products concerned, and to make this information available. The Decree includes the dates and procedures for its entry into force. An umbrella order shall be promulgated to specify the display methods, markings and general parameters for calculating the reparability index. Orders shall be promulgated to specify the more specific methods of application for each category of products.

9. Directive (EU) 2018/851 on waste encourages Member States to take appropriate measures to prevent waste generation. In addition, one of the objectives of the European action plan for the circular economy (COM (2020) 98) is to improve the durability and reparability of products. The stakeholder consultation held in the context of the Roadmap for the circular economy, which was presented by the Government on 23 April 2018, resulted in measure No 10, which provides for mandatory information on the reparability of electrical and electronic products. The measure aims to promote responsible consumption by improving consumer information through the establishment and mandatory display of a simple reparability index for some of these products. This index aims to inform the consumer regarding how easy it is to repair the product concerned. This measure thus aims on the one hand to compensate for the asymmetry of information between consumers and manufacturers or distributors concerning the reparability of products and, on the other hand, to encourage manufacturers to integrate reparability criteria into the design of their products, thus tending towards products that are more durable because they are more robust because they are 'eco-designed'. With this measure, a reasonable ambition is to reduce breakdowns of electrical and electronic products giving rise to repair in the network of French repairers to 60 %, within five years, as compared to around 40 % today. From an environmental standpoint, this measure will allow France to pursue its national objective of reducing the resource consumption linked to French consumption: to reduce resource consumption relative to GDP by 30 % compared to 2010, by 2030 (Law No 2015-992). More repairable and therefore more durable products will effectively lead to a reduction in resource consumption (reduction in the need for new products), a reduction in the quantity of waste electrical and electronic products and an associated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

10. Reference(s) to basic text(s): Law No 2020-105 of 10 February 2020 against waste and for the circular economy (Article 16)

11. No

12. -

13. No

14. No

15. -

16. TBT aspect

Yes



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SPS aspect

No - the draft is neither a sanitary nor phytosanitary measure.

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