



“Who-is-who” in PROSAFE and EMARS

FRANCE

Introduction

France consists of an area of 552 000 sq km with a population of 61 million. PARIS, the capital, has a population of 10,5 million; this includes its suburb.

The seat of the government is situated in PARIS which has a population of 2 165 000.

Product Safety Legislation

The consumption code provides the main framework act for product safety legislation in France.

Many of the European directives covering consumer product safety are implemented with a decree.

- *General Product Safety Directive (2001/95/EC): implemented in the Consumer code (articles L. 221-1 and the following)*
- *Low Voltage Directive (73/23/EEC): implemented in the decree n° 95-1081 dated 3 rd October, 1995*
- *Toy Directive (88/378/EEC): implemented in the decree n° 2000-520 dated September, 12, 2000*
- *Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Directive (89/336/EEC): implemented in the decree n° 96-215 dated March, 14, 1996 and in the decree n° 95-292 dated March, 16, 1995*
- *Personal Protective Equipment Directive (89/686/EEC): implemented in the decree n° 92-765 dated July, 29, 1992, in the decree n° 92-766 dated July, 29, 1992, in the decree n° 92-768 dated July, 29, 1992, in the decree n° 96-765 dated August, 14, 1996, in the decree n° 94-689 dated August, 5, 1994, in the ministerial order dated February, 7, 1997.*
- *Gas appliances Directive (90/396/EEC) : implemented in the ministerial order dated August, 12, 1991, modified and in the ministerial order dated August, 13, 1991, modified later on*
- *Machine Directive (98/37/EC): implemented in the law n° 91-1414 dated December, 31, 1991 and in the decrees n° 92-765, 92-766, 92-767 dated July, 29, 1992, the decree n° 96-725 dated August, 14, 1996, and in the ministerial orders dated November, 16, 1992, December, 18, 1992, March, 3rd, 1995, February 7, 1997 and December 18, 1992*
- *Radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment (R&TTE) Directive (1999/5/EC) : no data*

The text of the above mentioned legislation in French can be downloaded using the search facilities on the website with the hyperlink : www.legifrance.gouv.fr

Market surveillance Practice

The General directory for competition, consumption and fraud repression (Direction générale de la concurrence, de la consommation et de la répression des fraudes) is the general authority responsible for market surveillance of consumer products in France.

Our website is [www.finances.gouv.fr.DGCCRF](http://www.finances.gouv.fr/DGCCRF).

There are also other authorities involved in market surveillance

- *the General directorate on customs (Direction générale des douanes et droits indirects) : www.douane.gouv.fr*
- *the General directorate on regional action, quality and industrial safety (Direction de l'action régionale, de la qualité et de la sécurité industrielle) : www.drire.gouv.fr*
- *the General directorate on housing and construction (Direction générale de l'urbanisme, de l'habitat et de la construction) : www.urbanisme.equipement.gouv.fr*
- *the Directorate on working relations : Direction des relations du travail : www.cohesion sociale.gouv.fr.*

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