

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1.	Party to Agreement notifying: <u>FRANCE</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of the Economy - Directorate General for competition, consumer affairs and repression of fraud
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Rubber objects intended to come into account with foodstuffs: elastomer or rubber teats and soothers
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Order Relating to Rubber Materials and Objects Intended to Enter into Contact with Foodstuffs, Food Products and Beverages (29 pages, including Annexes)
6.	<p>Description of content: The Order constitutes a set of specific provisions for rubber objects intended to come into contact with foodstuffs.</p> <p>The limits and restrictions concerning such materials have been drawn up in the light of public health considerations and take the form of compliance with a positive list of constituents and/or testing for total and specific migrations on the finished rubber object ready for use, as appropriate.</p> <p>The wide range of uses of rubber intended for contact with foodstuffs has also justified the establishment of categories of use, accompanied by specific inertia testing conditions in line with actual conditions of use.</p> <p>Finally, the text transcribes Commission Directive 93/11/EEC of 15 March 1993 concerning the release of the N-nitrosamines and N-nitrosatable substances from elastomer or rubber teats and soothers.</p>
7.	Objective and rationale: Public health

8.	Relevant documents: Decree No. 92-631 of 8 July 1992 on materials and objects intended to enter into contact with foodstuffs, food products and beverages for human and animal consumption
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: February 1994
10.	Final date for comments: 22 January 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: