

REGULATIONS NOT HARMONISED AT EUROPEAN LEVEL

OUTPUT LASER DEVICES

SCOPE

The following definitions apply :

- Laser: any device that can produce or amplify laser radiation whose beam is accessible;
- Laser radiation: any electromagnetic radiation within wavelengths ranging from 180nm to 1mm, produced by controlled stimulated emission ;
- Laser devices: any device or any combination of components that makes up, incorporates or is intended to incorporate at least an output laser or a laser system.

These provisions do not cover :

- Laser devices such as CD readers since the device must be closed to operate in normal conditions, meaning the laser is inaccessible

FRENCH REGULATIONS

- [Decree 2007-665 of 2 May 2007 modified](#) on the safety of laser emitters

EUROPEAN REGULATIONS

Certain output laser devices may be covered by :

- [Directive 2004/108/EC](#) on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to electromagnetic compatibility
- [Directive 2006/95/EC](#) on harmonisation of the laws of Member States relating to electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits
- Specific regulations (For example speedometers covered by Measuring instruments Directive)

Output laser devices not covered by the n° 2007-665 modified Decree and outside the scope of the Directive 2006/95/EC (Low voltage) are a matter of the general obligation of safety of products (cf. Directive N° 2001/95/EC transposed into the article L 221-1 and following ones of the French consumer Code)

STANDARDS USED TO CLASSIFY DEVICES COVERED BY THE DECREE

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CONTACTS

➤ **AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR REGULATIONS**

- *Ministère de l'économie et des finances* (Ministry for the Economy and Finance) :

- DGCCRF – Bureau des produits industriels 5A – bureau-5a@dgccrf.finances.gouv.fr

and the competent authorities as regards specific regulations

➤ **MARKET SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITIES**

- Ministry for the Economy and Finance :

- DGCCRF – Bureau des produits industriels 5A – bureau-5a@dgccrf.finances.gouv.fr

- DGDDI (Customs) – Bureau D2 – dg-d2@douane.finances.gouv.fr

and the competent authorities as regards specific regulations

➤ **BUSINESS FEDERATIONS**

All business federations concerned by the sale of laser equipped devices.

For example:

- Fédération française des Industries Jouet Puériculture
- Fédération française du négoce de l'ameublement et de l'équipement de la maison
- Confédération Générale des Importateurs
- Chambre syndicale nationale des armuriers et des commerçants détaillants en armes et munitions
- Syndicat des Industries de Matériels Audiovisuels Electroniques (SIMAVELEC)