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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nezahtuje prodlení - Fristerne indledes ikke - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - No abre el plazo - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Ne otvara razdoblje kašnjenja - Nem nyitja meg a késésekét - Non fa decorrere la mora - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Atlikšanas laikposms nesākas - Ma jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dewmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nezačína oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Inleder ingen frist - Ní osclaíonn sé na moilleanna

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5. Amendment to an order concerning diagnostic tests for the presence of lead in coatings in residential

properties, carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Public Health Code

6. Equipment for analysing lead in coatings used in diagnostic tests carried out under the Public Health Code

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8. Under the emergency procedures to combat lead poisoning, the Public Health Code requires technical diagnosticians to carry out a diagnostic test of the risk of lead poisoning from paint (DRIPP). The procedures for implementing this DRIPP are laid down by Order of 19 August 2011 relating to the diagnosis of the risk of lead poisoning in paints. The diagnostic test of the risk of lead poisoning from paint involves identifying deteriorated lead-based coatings that may pose a risk of lead exposure in areas regularly frequented by children. The order requires these measurements to be carried out using a portable X-ray fluorescence device capable of analysing at least the K-line of the fluorescence spectrum emitted in response by lead.

The revision of this order aims to define only performance criteria for lead detection for the devices used to carry out these diagnostic tests and not to specify categories of devices.

9. Currently, only lead paint analysis devices capable of detecting the lead K-line may be used to carry out DRIPP tests under the Public Health Code. This specific technical criterion was intended to select devices capable of detecting lead deep within coatings. In practice, this means using only devices with a radioactive source.

As a result of technological advances, the performance of the two existing types of devices (X-ray tube devices and devices with radioactive sources) has become equivalent. On this basis, the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES) has recommended replacing the technical criteria used to select devices for carrying out regulatory diagnostic tests with lead detection performance criteria (opinion of July 2025). This will allow the use of other types of devices, and will help to reduce the number of radioactive sources in circulation.

Consequently, the order is amended as follows:

- Removal of the technical criterion for devices (the ability to detect the lead K-line) and replacement with a requirement to meet performance criteria;
- Addition of performance criteria proposed by the National Testing Laboratory and the Scientific and Technical Centre for Building to evaluate the devices: accuracy, repeatability and reproducibility of the measurements around the management threshold mentioned in the orders (1 mg/cm²).

10. References to the relevant basic texts:

11. No

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13. No

14. No

15. No

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TBT aspects: No

SPS aspects: No

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