

FRENCH REPUBLIC

Minister for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development
and the Sea

responsible for green technologies and climate
negotiations

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on the use of wooden materials in certain types of constructions

The Prime Minister,

Having heard the report of the Minister for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and the Sea, responsible for green technologies and climate negotiations;

Having regard to the Environmental Code, in particular Article L. 224-1 thereof;

Having regard to Law 2009-967 of 3 August 2009, on programming for implementation of the “Grenelle Environment Round Table”;

Having regard to the opinion of the Local Finance Committee (Commission nationale consultative d’évaluation des normes, “National Consultative Committee on the evaluation of standards”) dated 10 September 2009;

Having regard to Directive 98/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 June 1998 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations and of rules on information society services;

Having consulted the Council of State (public works department),

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Article 1

The provisions of this decree shall apply to the construction of new buildings with the exception of buildings in respect of which the client demonstrates that the use of wooden materials is incompatible with compliance with regulatory health and safety requirements or with the buildings’ purpose.

Article 2

The quantity of wooden materials contained in a construction shall be measured by the proportion of the volume of the wood used on the structure’s net floor area. Where a building is mainly used as a garage, parking space, or for agricultural purposes, the net floor area shall be replaced by the gross floor area.

I –For buildings for which the building permit application or the preliminary declaration was deposited between 1 December 2010 and 30 November 2011, this volume may not be less than:

- a) 20 dm³ per m² of floor area for a building used as a single-family dwelling, with the exception of those whose frame is made of a material other than wood,
- b) 3 dm³ per m² of floor area for a building used as an industrial, storage or transport services building,
- c) 7 dm³ per m² of floor area for all other buildings.

II - For buildings for which the building permit application or the preliminary declaration was deposited after 1 December 2011:

- this volume may not be less than:
 - a) 35 dm³ per m² of floor area for a building used as a single-family dwelling, with the exception of those whose frame is made of a material other than wood,
 - b) 5 dm³ per m² of floor area for a building used as an industrial, storage or transport services building,
 - c) 10 dm³ per m² of floor area for all other buildings.
- only wood from sustainably managed forests shall be taken into account in the volume calculation.

The method for calculating the quantity of wood incorporated in the construction shall be defined by decree of the minister responsible for construction.

The criteria for the sustainable management of the forests shall be defined by decree of the minister responsible for forests.

Article 3

Decree No 2005-1647 of 26 December 2005 is repealed.

Article 4

The Minister for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and the Sea, responsible for green technologies and climate negotiations and the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food shall be responsible, each as far as he is concerned, for implementing this Decree, which shall be published in the *Official Journal* of the French Republic.

Done in Paris, on

By the Prime Minister:

The Minister for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Sea, responsible for green technologies and climate negotiations

The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

The Secretary of State for Ecology

The Secretary of State for Housing and City