

French Regulation for Barbecues Equipment

On 4 January 2006, the French legislation - Décret n° 2006-18 relating to the safety of the barbecues that use solid fuels became effective. The French Decree lays down the safety requirements which must be met by barbecues and their constituent parts when distributed on the French market. These requirements are intended to protect, under normal usage conditions or other reasonably foreseeable conditions, users and third parties against risks to their health and safety linked to the design and construction of products.

On European level, the General Product Safety Directive (GPSD : 2001/95/EC) applies and the European standard EN 1860-1 (Appliances, solid fuels and firelighters for barbecuing - part 1: barbecues burning solid fuels - requirements and test methods) gives presumption of conformity to it. This standard covers barbecues which burn solid fuels except single use barbecues.

The European standard EN 1860-4 (Appliances, solid fuels and firelighters for barbecuing - part 4: single use barbecues burning solid fuels - requirements and test methods) applies to single use barbecues but has not been published as giving presumption of conformity to the GPSD.

The French Decree 2006-18, however, sets mandatory safety, labeling and consumer instructions requirements for both single use and multiple use barbecues.

The French legislation forbids the manufacture, import, hold for sale or distribution on a free basis, to put on sale, to sell or distribute on a free basis the barbecues and their elements on the French market if they do not comply with the requirements of the Decree.



The text lays down presumed conformity for products manufactured in compliance with the European standards EN 1860-1 and EN 1860-4 or with a model for which an attestation of conformity has been issued by a French body or by an accredited

body in another Member State of the European Community, an EFTA State or Turkey.

It also lays down the free movement of barbecues that comply with the standards, technical specifications or manufacturing processes of another Member State of the European Community, an EFTA State or Turkey, which guarantee a level of safety equivalent to that guaranteed by the Decree.

A- Product Safety Requirements

Some specific risks are addressed with regard to potential hazards caused by the article and its components.

1) Heat resistance

All barbecue components must not deform or detach and must not become excessively hot under heating¹.

2) Prevention of fire risks and combustion of foodstuffs

All barbecue components must be designed to prevent fire risk and, grill and foodstuff from contacting the fuel.

3) Stability

The product should be stable to prevent tipping and no component or accessory shall fall off. If the stands has wheels allowing it to be moved, no component or accessory shall fall off during movement.

4) Absence of risks injury

All barbecue components must not include rough surfaces, sharp edges and corners or sharp or protruding parts which can injury user.

5) Assembly and handling

All barbecue components must be designed for safe assembly and disassembly. For example, inserting or removing grill or spit without tipping or components detaching or moving.

¹Handles and gripping devices shall not have surface temperature exceeding: 55°C for metal, 66°C for glass/ceramics, 70°C for plastic, 89°C for wood

6) Additional requirements for motor barbecues

For barbecues supplied with motors, they must be designed so as not to allow the user hand to come into contact with surface temperatures exceeding the values of point 3 when changing the batteries or re-winding the motor.

B- Marking Requirements

1) For barbecue other than those intended for single use

Visible, legible and indelible marking must be included on the product that uses solid fuels with packaging and the following information should be clearly noted.

- a) Information identifying the person responsible for the first placing on the market;
- b) Information identifying the product and the manufacturing lot of the product, the model or type;
- c) The warning statement(s)

They should be written in French.

«Attention ! Ne pas utiliser d'alcool, d'essence ou autre liquide analogue pour allumer ou réactiver le feu.»

("WARNING! Do not use spirit, petrol or any comparable fluids for lighting or re-lighting!")

2) For barbecue set which is intended for single use.

Disposable barbecues and their packaging shall bear the indications cited above (B-1-a, b and c).

In addition, they must carry the warning:

« Ne pas recharger ! Ce barbecue ne doit être utilisé qu'une seule fois ! »

("Do not refill! This barbecue is for single use only!")

3) For barbecue components

When they are placed on the market separately, barbecue components shall carry the markings stated above (a and b), which must appear on the product or on the packaging.

C- Instructions for Use

The instructions for use issued with each barbecue shall be written in terms that can be easily understood by the consumer, and shall contain information specific for the use of product.

1) For barbecue other than those intended for single use

a- The designation of the model or type of product including an exploded view, specifying the different parts;

b- An indication stipulating that the barbecue must be installed on a stable horizontal support before use;

c- The appropriate method of assembly, possibly with diagrams;

d- Advice for operating the barbecue in complete safety;

e- Recommendations stipulating that the barbecue must be heated and that the fuel must be kept incandescent for at least 30 minutes before the first cooking;

f- The fuel(s) that can be used and the maximum quantity to be used;

g- Appropriate lighting procedures, including the following warning:

« Avant de commencer la cuisson, attendre qu'une couche de cendres recouvre le combustible »

("Do not cook before the fuel has a coating of ash")

h- The type of batteries to be used if a battery-operated electric motor is provided or recommended;

i- The following warnings:

«Attention ! Ce barbecue va devenir très chaud. Ne pas le déplacer pendant son utilisation»

"WARNING! This barbecue will become very hot. Do not move it during operation")

«Attention ! Ne pas utiliser dans des locaux fermés»

("WARNING! Do not use indoors")

«Attention ! Ne pas utiliser d'alcool, d'essence ou tout autre liquide analogue pour allumer ou réactiver le barbecue»

("WARNING! Do not use spirit, petrol or any comparable fluids for lighting or re-lighting")

Hardlines

«Attention ! Ne pas laisser le barbecue à la portée des enfants et des animaux domestiques»

("WARNING! Keep children and pets away").

2) For barbecue set which is intended for single use.

a- The information laid down above for barbecue other than those intended for single use (C-1-a, b, c and d);

b- The fuel that can be used and the maximum quantity to use, if it is not provided;

c- Appropriate lighting procedures, including the following warning:

« Avant de commencer la cuisson, attendre qu'une couche de cendres recouvre le combustible »

("Do not cook before the fuel has a coating of ash!")

d- A recommendation to not use the barbecue in areas where fires are prohibited;

e- A recommendation to not use the barbecue on inflammable surfaces or which are at risk of being damaged;

f- The warnings laid down in paragraph C-1 as well as the following warning:

« Ne pas recharger ! Ce barbecue ne doit être utilisé qu'une seule fois ; Ne pas jeter avant extinction complète et refroidissement »

("Do not refill! This barbecue must only be used once; Do not dispose until it has completely gone out and cooled.")



Summary:

		Barbecue sets intended for single use	Barbecue sets for multiple use	Barbecues components sold separately
Product Safety Requirements	Heat resistance Prevention of fire risks and combustion of foodstuffs Stability Absence of risks injury Assembly and handling Additional requirements for motor barbecues	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marking Requirements	Visible, legible and indelible marking must be included in product that uses solid fuels with packaging and the following information should be clearly noted. a) Information identifying the person responsible for the first placing on the market; b) Information identifying the product and the manufacturing lot of the product, the model or type;	Yes	Yes	Yes
	c) The warning statement: «Attention ! Ne pas utiliser d'alcool, d'essence ou autre liquide analogue pour allumer ou réactiver le feu.»	Yes	Yes	No
	« Ne pas recharger ! Ce barbecue ne doit être utilisé qu'une seule fois ! »	Yes	No	No

		Barbecue set intended for single use	Barbecue set for multiple use	Barbecues components sold separately
Instruction for use	The designation of the model or type of product including an exploded view, specifying the different parts; An indication stipulating that the barbecue must be installed on a stable horizontal support before use; The appropriate method of assembly, possibly with diagrams; Advice for operating the barbecue in complete safety.	Yes	Yes	No
	Recommendations stipulating that the barbecue must be heated and that the fuel must be kept incandescent for at least 30 minutes before the first cooking; The fuel(s) that can be used and the maximum quantity to be used; Appropriate lighting procedures, including the following warning: " Avant de commencer la cuisson, attendre qu'une couche de cendres recouvre le combustible »; The type of batteries to be used if a battery-operated electric motor is provided or recommended;	No	Yes	No
	The following warnings: «Attention ! Ce barbecue va devenir très chaud. Ne pas le déplacer pendant son utilisation» «Attention ! Ne pas utiliser dans des locaux fermés» «Attention ! Ne pas utiliser d'alcool, d'essence ou tout autre liquide analogue pour allumer ou réactiver le barbecue» «Attention ! Ne pas laisser le barbecue à la portée des enfants et des animaux domestiques»	No	Yes	No
	The fuel that can be used and the maximum quantity to use, if it is not provided; Appropriate lighting procedures, including the following warning: " Avant de commencer la cuisson, attendre qu'une couche de cendres recouvre le combustible » A recommendation to not use the barbecue in areas where fires are prohibited; A recommendation to not use the barbecue on inflammable surfaces or which are at risk of being damaged; The warnings laid down in paragraph (I) as well as the following warning: " Ne pas recharger ! Ce barbecue ne doit être utilisé qu'une seule fois ; Ne pas jeter avant extinction complète et refroidissement "	Yes	No	No

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