



# Pool Alarms

Free movement of goods is ensured by the harmonisation of technical regulations at European level and, where the legislation is not harmonised, by the principle of “mutual recognition”. Below is information relating to pool alarms.

## Scope

To limit the number of small children drowning in pools, the Act of 3 January 2003 on pool safety makes it mandatory for owners of private pools for family or collective use to install a safety system.

Pools located in a building, those placed on the ground, inflatable or removable, are excluded from the scope. “Swimming pools” (covered by the Act of 24 May 1951) that charge an entrance fee and are overseen by a lifeguard are also excluded.

Possible devices: **barrier protection, cover, shelter, alarm.**

## Regulations

### French regulations

[Decree no. 2009-873 of 16 July 2009](#) on the safety of immersion detection pool alarms. Adopted on the basis of the French Consumer Code, it sets the safety requirements to be complied with by alarms sold in France.

### European Regulations

Electrical equipment (to be used at between 50 V and 1,000 V in AC, 75 V and 1,500 V in DC) coming under the scope of [Directive 2014/35/EU](#) on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits (refer to the “Low Voltage Electrical Equipment” factsheet).

Equipment containing electrical and/or electromagnetic components coming under the scope of [Directive 2014/30/EU](#) on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to electromagnetic compatibility (refer to the “Electromagnetic Compatibility” factsheet).

### Further information

[DGCCRF factsheet](#) on general safety requirements

[Ministry for the Ecological Transition and Regional Cohesion factsheet](#) on safety for pools



## Contacts

### Regulatory Authority

Ministry for the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty:  
Directorate General for Competition Policy, Consumer Affairs and Fraud Control (DGCCRF) –  
Property, Construction and Public Works Bureau – 5C – [bureau-5c@dgccrf.finances.gouv.fr](mailto:bureau-5c@dgccrf.finances.gouv.fr)

### For safety devices for private pools:

Ministry for the Ecological Transition and Regional Cohesion:  
Directorate General for Planning, Housing and Nature (DGALN)

### Market surveillance authorities

Ministry for the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty:  
DGCCRF – Property, Construction and Public Works Bureau – 5C – [bureau-5c@dgccrf.finances.gouv.fr](mailto:bureau-5c@dgccrf.finances.gouv.fr)  
Directorate General of Customs and Excise (DGDDI) – Inspection Policy Bureau – JCF2 – [dg-jcf2@douane.finances.gouv.fr](mailto:dg-jcf2@douane.finances.gouv.fr)

### Body approved to conduct type examinations

Certificates of conformity with safety standards are issued following a type examination by an approved body pursuant to standard NF EN/ISO 17025.

Approved French body: Laboratoire National de Métrologie et d'Essais (LNE)

- <https://www.lne.fr/fr>
- [Accreditations-COFRAC "test certificates" for the LNE](#)

### Business federations

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