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## Order laying down the compulsory implementation of standards

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#### **4. Notification Number**

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#### **5. Title**

Order laying down the compulsory implementation of standards

#### **6. Products Concerned**

basic mineral amendments and growth mediums

#### **7. Notification Under Another Act**

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#### **8. Main Content**

This Order mainly concerns the compulsory implementation of two standards which have been updated: standard NF U 44-001 - basic mineral amendments, and standard NF U 44-551 - growth mediums. This Order also updates the compulsory implementation of all existing French standards which are included in Annex I. This text therefore replaces preceding compulsory implementation Orders without amending existing standards, except for the two standards cited above. For all the standards, this Order adopts the mutual recognition procedure as laid down by opinion in the Official Journal of 23 January 2002 after notification to the Commission on 25 July 2001 (following complaint No A/99/4673) and the Commission agreement of 18 October 2001.

Standard NF U 44-001 replaces the previous standard dating from 1988. An amendment of the general designation, precisions of certain specifications and amendment of two type designations were added. This standard is supplemented by the description of two methods to be used, as well as information concerning the safety of products.

Standard NF U 44-551 replaces the two previous standards NF U 44-551 and NF U 44-571, dating from 1974 and 1996 respectively. This standard concerns mineral growth mediums, synthetic mineral or organic mediums, or mainly organic mediums and growth mediums with additives (fertiliser, synthetic water retainers and wetting agents). This standard is supplemented by safety methods and information.

#### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

Implementation of the two updated standards must be rendered compulsory in order to be applicable. Furthermore, previous compulsory implementation Orders warrant updating in order to harmonise procedure, particularly with regard to the mutual recognition procedure.

#### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

The Customs Code, in particular Article 38 thereof;

The Consumer Code, in particular Article L214-1 thereof;

The Rural Code, in particular Article L 255-2 thereof;

Law No 41-1987 of 24 May 1941 on standardisation;

Decree No 84-74 of 26 January 1984, amended, establishing the status of standardisation, in particular Article 12 thereof;

The Order of 4 December 1974 approving and annulling standards;

The Order of 10 July 2001 amending the orders rendering compulsory standards regarding fertilisers and growth mediums;



**11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

NO

**12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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**13. Confidentiality**

NO

**14. Fiscal measures**

NO

**15. Impact assessment**

No impact study is necessary for a text of this level (Order)

**16. TBT and SPS aspects**

WTO and SPS aspects (Agreements drawn up within the framework of the WTO)

WTO aspect (Agreement on technical barriers to trade): YES

SPS aspect (Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures): YES

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