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## **Draft Order amending the Order of 28 May 1998 regarding fertilisers and similar products.**

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**2. Member State**

Spain

**3. Department Responsible**

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**4. Notification Number**

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**5. Title**

Draft Order amending the Order of 28 May 1998 regarding fertilisers and similar products.

**6. Products Concerned**

Non-EEC fertilisers.

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

A validity period is established for authorising fertilisers and soil improvers which are subject to prior registration. The pathogen limits are those detailed in Decision 98/488/EEC, which lays down the environmental criteria that must be fulfilled in order for the Community environmental approval label regarding soil residues to be awarded, excluding previous requirements for fertilisers incorporating raw materials of plant origin from countries within the European Economic Area. New products are being approved for use in Spanish agriculture.

**9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

Technological advances have led to the appearance of new fertilisers which need to be authorised as they are of interest to Spanish agriculture. At the same time, Community standards have been laying down criteria for



awarding the Community environmental approval label, with different maximum pathogen limits from those established in the Order being amended. The same is true for the transfer of seeds or the reproductive parts of competitive weeds.

**10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

Order of 28 May 1998 regarding fertilisers and similar products.

**11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

No

**12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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**13. Confidentiality**

No

**14. Fiscal measures**

No

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