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## Draft Order on fertilizers and similar products

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#### 5. Title

Draft Order on fertilizers and similar products

## 6. Products Concerned

Fertilizers

#### 7. Notification Under Another Act

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#### 8. Main Content

The draft text summarizes previous national regulations with the aim of simplifying the legislation.

It uses the term "EC fertiliser" as a substitution for "EEC fertiliser". It updates the national lists of fertilizers which can be intended for consumption (Annexes II, III and IV.)

It introduces requirements of a biological type for the fertilisers made with organic residues.

It reduces the permissable levels of heavy metals in national fertilisers.

## 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

This draft aims to condense dispersed national standards in one text.



As regard the term "EC fertiliser", the publication of a Parliament and Council Directives on this subject is imminent. Requirements of a biological nature for the fertilisers made with organic residues have been introduced through the introduction of protection methods against harmful organisms stipulated in Council Directive 77/93/EEC dated 21 of December 1976, establishing maximum levels of salmonella, enterobacteria and streptococcus.

The reduction in the levels of heavy metals in fertilisers whose manufacturing process makes use of raw material of organic origin assumes a safety measure to guarantee the protection of public health and of the environment.

#### 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Royal Decree 72/1988, of 5 February on fertilizers and similar products, amended by Royal Decree 877/1991 of 31 May, developed by the Orders of 14 June 1991, of 11 July 1994, and of 29 May 1997, on fertilizers and s@briimilar products. (Appended)

# 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

#### 12. Grounds for the Emergency

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## 13. Confidentiality

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## 14. Fiscal measures

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