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Ban on fragmentable plastics in agriculture

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Message

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidējimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - He ce предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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2. Member State

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4. Notification Number

2018/0097/F - S00E

5. Title

Ban on fragmentable plastics in agriculture

6. Products Concerned

Products or materials made of fragmentable plastic

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The article in question aims to:

- ban the use of products made of fragmentable plastic in agriculture (in particular oxo-fragmentable or photo-fragmentable plastics) in line with the objective to protect the soil and water;
- specify that the ban covers the import, storage for the purpose of sale, marketing, sale, free distribution or use of such products;
- define fragmentable plastics;
- consolidate this measure by including the ban in the Environmental Code under Title IV, Chapter I and under the section entitled 'Design, production and distribution of waste-generating products'.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Fragmentable plastics are plastics containing additives that cause them to fragment, particularly when exposed to oxygen or light. Once they have fragmented, these plastics are not necessarily degradable in the natural environment. They are invisible to the naked eye once fragmented and are therefore impossible to collect and process. They are a source of various pollutants and of ocean waste.

The agricultural and other associated sectors present a particularly large challenge; some fragmentable mulching films in particular are sometimes still used and left in place, despite the subsequent disastrous environmental impact on the soil. Fragmentable plastics are also used for other purposes, such as in the coatings for controlled-release fertilisers, which enable nutrients to be released slowly into the soil. Alternative plastics now exist which are non-fragmentable, recyclable or fully biodegradable and can be used in these various sectors and for these various purposes. It is therefore proposed that the use of fragmentable plastics be banned in the agricultural, forestry, market gardening, gardening and landscaping sectors, in which the environmental impact of these plastics is inevitable.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

No basic text(s) available

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

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - the draft has no significant impact on international trade.

SPS aspect

No - the draft is neither a sanitary nor phytosanitary measure.

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