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Order amending the orders rendering mandatory standards regarding fertilisers and growth mediums

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Order amending the orders rendering mandatory standards regarding fertilisers and growth mediums

6. Products Concerned

Fertilisers and growth mediums containing high and low risk substances of animal origin

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

Complete removal of five product type designations ("animal black", animal ashes, meat fertiliser, animal fertiliser, green bone meal) and partial removal of another designation (degelatinised bone meal from cattle only) from French standards allowing the placing on the market of fertilisers and growth mediums without prior authorisation.



Withdrawal from the scope of these standards of all products which might contain the raw materials cited above.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The Order complies with the Order of 13 April 2001 suspending the placing on the market and ordering the withdrawal of certain fertilisers and growth mediums. The aim of the Order is to remove products whose ingredients include substances of animal origin prohibited pursuant to the first order from the French list of standardised products exempt from the approval requirement.

This Order enables products for which France wants to ensure that the raw materials of animal origin used in their manufacture are in fact risk-free and, in particular, that the processing obligations defined in Community decisions are observed, to be made subject to individual authorisation prior to being placed on the market.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- the Rural Code and in particular Articles L.225-1 to L.225-11 thereof
- the Customs Code, in particular Article 38 thereof
- the Consumer Code, in particular Book II thereof
- Decree No 84-74 of 26 January 1984, amended, establishing the status of standardisation
- Order of 9 June 1975 regarding the list of standardised simple industrial products that are not subject to approval, in particular Articles 1 and 2 thereof.
- Order of 27 December 1982 implementing the organic amendments as a mandatory standard
- Order of 28 February 1989 rendering mandatory the standards on fertilisers.
- Order of 30 December 1991, amended, on the processing of animal waste and governing the production of feedingstuffs of animal origin for animals
- Order of 4 August 1989 rendering mandatory the standards on fertilisers.
- Order of 18 October 1991 supplementing the Order of 28 February 1989 rendering mandatory the standards on fertilisers
- Order of 30 December 1991, amended, on the processing of animal waste and governing the production of feedingstuffs of animal origin for animals
- Order of 22 June 1992 rendering mandatory the standards on fertilisers.
- Order of 17 October 1997 amending the Order of 28 February 1989 rendering mandatory the standards on fertilisers
- Order of 7 June 2000 supplementing the Order of 28 February 1989 rendering mandatory the standards on fertilisers
- Order of 10 November 2000 on the health conditions governing the use, marketing, trade, import and export of certain products of animal origin destined for use in animal feedingstuffs and for the manufacture of feedingstuffs for animals
- Order of 13 April 2001 suspending the placing on the market and ordering the withdrawal of certain fertilisers and growth mediums
- Opinion of the Committee for the study of the toxicity of antiparasitic products for agricultural use and similar products, fertilisers and growth mediums
- Opinion of the Committee on fertilisers and growth mediums

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

Yes

12. Grounds for the Emergency

The request for urgency is based on reasons of public health. The aim is to harmonise the measures taken for different uses of high and low risk substances of animal origin and in particular to prevent substances of animal



origin that might pose a risk with regard to transmissible sub-acute spongiform encephalopathies, which have been excluded from the manufacture of feedingstuffs for animals, from being incorporated into fertilisers or growth mediums.

13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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