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## Order amending the Order of 5 September 2003 on the compulsory implementation of standards

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### Message

Message 002

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Translation of the message 001

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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 - Nao 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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#### **4. Notification Number**

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#### **5. Title**

Order amending the Order of 5 September 2003 on the compulsory implementation of standards

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

Culture substrates; descriptions, specifications and marking

Organic fertilisers; descriptions, specifications and marking

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

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

This order is intended to make application of two amendments to two existing standards mandatory, one from 1981 (NF U 42-001 on fertilisers) and the other from 2002 (NF U 44-551 on culture substrates):

- Amendment A4 to the culture substrate standard (reference NF U44-551/A4) incorporates the option of placing on the market mixes of culture substrates with three types of additive that must first have been authorised for use as culture substrates. These additives are: humic substance, microbial preparation and plant development and/or growth promoters.

- Amendment A10 to the fertiliser standard (reference NF U 42-001/A10) replaces an amendment (NF U 42-001/AM2 of June 1992) to the fertiliser standard and amends the descriptions, specifications and certain marking elements of nitrogen-containing organic fertilisers and NPK, NP and NK fertilisers entirely of animal or plant origin.

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

For public health reasons, the application of standards related to fertilising products (fertilisers, organic improvers or basic minerals) and culture substrates shall be mandatory. Application of the two standards NF U 44-551/A4 and NF U 42-001/A10 approved by the Director General of AFNOR taking effect on 18 December 2009 shall therefore also be mandatory.

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

Basic texts:

- . French Customs Code and in particular Article 38 thereof,
- . French Consumer Code,
- . Rural Code, in particular Articles L 255-1 and L 255-2 thereof,
- . Law No. 41-1987 of 24 May 1941 on standardisation.

These basic texts have already been sent pursuant to notification 2004/0014/F.



Decree 2009-697 of 16 June 2009 on standardisation repeals Amended Decree 84-74 of 26 January 1984 included with the basic texts already sent. It is therefore attached to this message.

Standards:

- NF U 42-001 (December 1981). – Fertilisers. – Descriptions and specifications, added to by amendment No. 2 (June 1992) and by addenda 1 (February 1991), 2 (May 1984), and 5 (July 1991).
- NF U 42-001/A8 (December 2006). – Fertilisers. – Descriptions and specifications.
- NF U 44-551 (May 2002). Culture substrates. – Descriptions, specifications and marking.
- NF U 44-551/A1 (February 2004). Culture substrates. – Descriptions, specifications and marking.
- NF U 44-551/A3 (January 2008). Culture substrates. – Descriptions, specifications and marking.

**11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

NO

**12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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**13. Confidentiality**

NO

**14. Fiscal measures**

b) NO

**15. Impact assessment**

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**16. TBT and SPS aspects**

TBT relevance

a) YES

SPS relevance

a) YES

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