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Order amending the order of 15 September 1982 on the marketing of fodder plant seed.

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Message

Message 002

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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 - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késéseket - Ma' jiftaħx il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Мääräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

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4. Notification Number

2011/0140/F - C00A

5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

The products covered by these technical regulations are the following seeds of fodder plant species:

- Pearl millet (Pennisetum glaucum);
- Foxtail millet (Setaria italica (L.) P. Beauv);
- Sunnhemp (Crotalaria juncea L.);
- Grass pea (Lathyrus sativus L);
- Wild lentil (Lens nigricans (M. Bieb.) Godron);
- White sweet-clover (Melilotus albus Medik);
- Yellow sweet-clover (Melilotus officinalis (L.) Lam.);
- Micheli's clover (Trifolium michelianum Savi);
- Winter vetch (Vicia benghalensis L.);
- Niger (Guizotia abyssinica (L. f.) Cass.).

7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

The purpose of the draft technical regulation is to introduce marketing standards for the seeds of species listed in point 6 which are not covered by Community regulations. These technical regulations apply to the seed batch controls during the marketing process.

Quality standards for fodder plant species come under the category of "unqualified seed" defined in Council Directive 66/401/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of fodder plant seed.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Within the scope of the implementation of agri-environmental measures recommended by the European Union, land cover during winter intercropping periods is expanding rapidly. French farmers use plant cover species that are not covered by Community regulations on the marketing of seed and for which therefore there is no standard. Because of the environmental and economic stakes relating to the large-scale spread of untested seed (risk of plant disease spread, invasive species, poor-quality seed, etc.), which could endanger the aim of environmental protection and the sustainability of future agricultural production in terms of rotation or neighbouring crops, the French authorities, in agreement with in conjunction with all national stakeholders, have drawn up minimum standards for these seeds.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Reference texts: Decree No. 81-605 of 18 May 1981 implementing the Act of 1 August 1905 adopted in implementation of the Law of 1 August 1905 on the prevention of offences relating to trade in seeds and plants.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure No
12. Grounds for the Emergency
13. Confidentiality No
14. Fiscal measures No
15. Impact assessment -
16. TBT and SPS aspects TBT relevance
NO - The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.
SPS relevance
NO - The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.
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