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# **Draft Royal Decree on wheat quality standards**

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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

2010/0386/E - C00A

#### 5. Title

Draft Royal Decree on wheat quality standards

#### 6. Products Concerned

Wheat

#### 7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

This Royal Decree establishes a categorisation system with five groups and four grades for soft wheat and four groups and four grades for hard wheat, as a function of the values measured for the parameters considered.

Categorisation into numbered groups does not refer to higher or lower product quality, but indicates the optimum industrial use for each wheat type, and the categorisation into grades refers to the shipment conditions and other variables that affect the industrial performance of the grain. The parameters used to categorise grain into groups and grades, and the value ranges established for them, are the most commonly used in each case in the cereal processing industry.

The official methods for analysing the parameters used to classify grain are set out in an order of 31 January 1977. As these methods are now outdated, the said order needs to be amended to adapt the analysis methods to modern technology and standard analysis methods for the parameters considered.

### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The reality of the farming industry today highlights the need to make the primary sector and food industries more competitive, and in particular to strengthen the weakest links in the chain. This Royal Decree is intended to promote farming products at source, in this case wheat, giving farmers the means to achieve the standardisation and uniformity demanded by the industry, which will undoubtedly have an effect on the profitability of their farms. The use of certified seed and improvements to production-phase practices will also have a positive impact on cereal-product industries.

#### 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

There are no basic texts

#### 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 aspect:
No - The draft is neither a technical regulation or a conformity evaluation procedure.
SPS aspect:
No - the draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure.
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