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## Draft Order establishing the mandatory implementation of standards.

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**4. Notification Number**

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**5. Title**

Draft Order establishing the mandatory implementation of standards.

**6. Products Concerned**

Alkaline iron and steel soil improver.

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

The Order of 28 February 1989 establishes the mandatory implementation of three standards relating to fertilising materials and to cultivation media and standards applicable to the other Member States and recognised as equivalent.

One of these three mandatory implementation French standards, standard NF U 44-001 (July 1988) deals with



calcic and/or magnesian soil improvers intended for use on farmland.

The above-mentioned standard was supplemented in 1998 to include an amendment A1 which deals with a new class of soil improvers deriving from iron and steel (class VI) and more specifically a new type of product, an alkaline iron and steel soil improver (type 13) and the information which must be given on this product (marking).

The notified draft Decree is designed to render implementation of this amendment to the standard (approved in April 1998) mandatory.

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

The mandatory implementation of standard NF U 44-001/A1 is required in Order to protect the health of humans and animals, to safeguard the environment and for reasons relating to fair trading (cf. article 12 of Order n° 84-74 of 26 January 1984).

The publication of this Order will facilitate the placing on the market of alkaline iron and steel soil improvers insofar as prior approval will no longer be required for this type of product.

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

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a) reference texts :

- Decree n° 84-74 of 26 January 1984, laying down the standardisation statute,
- Order of 28 February 1989 establishing the mandatory implementation of standards.

### **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

No

### **12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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### **13. Confidentiality**

No

### **14. Fiscal measures**

No

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