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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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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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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Fertilisers; basic mineral soil conditioners; basic mineral soil conditioners/fertilisers; descriptions, specifications and marking.

7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

This order is intended to make application of three standards compulsory. Specifically:

- Standard NF U 42-001-1 (October 2011). Fertilisers. Descriptions and specifications. Part 1: Mineral fertilisers. This standard is intended to tidy up the initial standard NF U 42-001 dating from 1981 and its numerous additions and amendments, which make it incomprehensible for users and inspection services alike. The fertilisers covered by Regulation (EC) 2003/2003 have been removed from this standard.
- Standard NF U 44-203 (March 2012). Fertilising products having mixed characteristics: basic mineral soil conditioners fertilisers Descriptions and specifications. This standard replaces the 1988 standard and its amendment A1 from March 2005.
- Standard NF U 44-204 (September 2011). Fertilisers or basic mineral soil conditioners or basic mineral soil conditioners—fertilisers with agricultural additives Descriptions and specifications. This standard introduces the possibility of placing on the market fertilisers, basic mineral soil conditioners or basic mineral soil conditioners with fertiliser that already comply with a standard or Regulation (EC) 2003/2003 with three types of additive previously authorised for placement on the market. These additives are: humic substance, microbial preparation and plant development and/or growth promoters.

This provision already exists with standard NF U 44-551 on culture substrates.

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 made mandatory. Standards NF U 44-204, NF U 42-001-1 and NF U 44-203, approved by the French Association for Standardisation (AFNOR) and effective respectively since 30 September 2011, 21 October 2011 and 22 March 2012 must therefore be made compulsory.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Reference texts: The basic texts have already been sent pursuant to notification 2004/0014/F. 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure 12. Grounds for the Emergency 13. Confidentiality No 14. Fiscal measures No 15. Impact assessment 16. TBT and SPS aspects TBT relevance Yes SPS relevance Yes Catherine Day Secrétaire général Commission européenne Point de contact Directive 98/34 Fax: (32-2) 296 76 60 email: dir83-189-central@ec.europa.eu