

Message 001

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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nezahajuje prodlení - Fristerne indledes ikke - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - No abre el plazo - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Ne otvara razdoblje kašnjenja - Nem nyitja meg a késésekét - Non fa decorrere la mora - Atidējimai nepradedami - Atlikšanas laikposms nesākas - Ma jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dewmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nezačína oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Inleder ingen frist - Ní osclaíonn sé na moilleanna

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4. 2026/0330/FR - C00A - AGRICULTURE, FISHING AND FOODSTUFFS

5. Order approving specifications for the marketing and use of compost extracts and teas as fertilisers.

6. Authorises the placing on the market in France of aqueous preparations made by soaking compost in water, subject to compliance with the requirements of this order.

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8. This order approves specifications establishing the conformity criteria applicable to fertilisers of the compost extract and tea type, aerated or fermented, with regard to:

- their production and placing on the market as fertilisers, or;
- their production and direct use as fertilisers by the producer.

It is issued pursuant to Point 3 of Article L. 255-5 of the Rural and Maritime Fishing Code.

It does not apply to fertilisers and growing media placed on the market and used under the conditions set out in Point 2 of Article L. 255-5, which concerns fertilisers compliant with EU Regulation No. 2019/1009.

9. To be placed on the market and used in France, biostimulant products must have received a marketing authorisation (MA), or must comply with a standard or with EU Regulation No. 2019/1009, laying down rules for the making available on the market of EU fertilisers, or comply with specifications published by the Ministry of Agriculture.

The marketing authorisation (MA), nor the standard, nor EU Regulation No. 2019/1009, are suitable for certain products and preparations of natural origin composed of microorganisms, whose composition is not standardised and reflects natural variability. This is particularly the case for compost teas, derived from traditional knowledge such as biodynamic preparations, whose benefits are recognised but for which there is no legal means of use.

The specifications do not define the exact composition of the final product, but rather the manufacturing process, including the raw materials, which will ensure a product meets the requirements for quality, safety, and efficacy.

It does not apply to fertilisers placed on the market in compliance with EU Regulation No. 2019/1009.

9a. This project stems from the food sovereignty plan for the fruit and vegetable sector announced on 1 March 2023, by the Minister of Agriculture. This plan, in its Axis A, aims to facilitate the use of certain types of biostimulants for which the marketing authorisation (MA) procedure is not suitable due to specific characteristics inherent in their manufacturing processes.

It creates an alternative pathway to the national market for preparations composed of biostimulants and aims to encourage these practices with the objective of limiting synthetic inputs on crops and in agricultural soils while preserving the quality and yields of primary production.

9b. The order responds to a demand from the agricultural sector, which wishes to limit the use of synthetic or mining-derived mineral fertilisers by promoting the use of alternative fertilisers.

To this end, this project aims to facilitate the use of low-risk natural preparations composed of natural

substances for biostimulant use.

This measure does not introduce any additional constraints beyond those already in place, but rather offers a structured and reliable regulatory pathway for the facilitated use of biostimulants in France.

This project does not generate restrictions on the domestic market and does not interfere in any way with cross-border trade or other regulatory channels for placing fertilisers on the market, as it offers additional access to the national market.

9c. This market access route complements existing ones.

The only restrictions imposed by the measure are those relating to ensuring the efficacy and safety of compliant products. These restrictions are based on the Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES) opinion 2023-SA-0196, which assessed the safety and efficacy of preparations manufactured in accordance with the requirements of these specifications, and more specifically on:

- The proposed parameters for raw materials and manufacturing processes, which must lead to sufficiently effective preparations;
- The parameters adopted relating to self-monitoring, usage restrictions, and pre-harvest intervals, which must ensure the safety of the preparations, particularly for consumers of food produced on treated plots;

10. References to the basic texts:

11. No

12.

13. No

14. No

15. No

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TBT aspects:

The draft is a technical regulation or a conformity assessment

The draft has significant impact on international trade

SPS aspects:

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