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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nezahtuje 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 - Atidėjimai 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. 2026/0324/AT - C00A - AGRICULTURE, FISHING AND FOODSTUFFS

5. AMA Quality Seal Guideline – Flowers and Ornamental Plants – Amendment

6. Primary products

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8. The AMA Quality Seal Guideline for Flowers and Ornamental Plants is amended as follows:

- The EC value is included as a further parameter for assessing the supply of nutrients to plants.
- Unless the product explicitly states that the potted herbs are not suitable for human consumption, the limit values for plant protection products applicable to foodstuffs must be observed in the case of potted herbs. If the product is sold to consumers and is intended for human consumption, the statutory maximum levels for foodstuffs must be complied with at the point of sale.

9. The AMA quality seal guidelines are used for the production and labelling of high-quality, i.e. above the statutory standard, agricultural products and products made from them. The amendment to the guideline is intended to ensure that the quality of products bearing the AMA Quality Seal is maintained and further improved.

Grounds for amending the AMA Quality Seal Guideline for Flowers and Ornamental Plants:

- As potted herbs are purchased for consumption, they are regarded as foodstuffs for the purposes of this guideline; consequently, the maximum level for residues must be complied with for foodstuffs in the case of plant protection products. This ensures that consumers receive safe foodstuffs.
- The EC value is frequently used in practice and should therefore be recognised as an additional parameter.

9a. The AMA Quality Seal Guideline for Flowers and Ornamental Plants sets out the requirements for production and thus defines the quality characteristics of the products. Compliance with the requirements is monitored by

- Self-monitoring by manufacturers and licence holders,
- accredited control bodies and
- System controls by AMA Marketing as the operator of the quality seal system.

By establishing production standards that go beyond the statutory requirements and by monitoring compliance with these standards, it is ensured that the products meet the quality standards required and those expected by consumers.

Products produced in accordance with the AMA Quality Seal Guideline for Flowers and Ornamental Plants are labelled with the AMA Quality Seal, so that consumers can easily recognise products produced in accordance with the AMA Quality Seal Guideline for Flowers and Ornamental Plants.

9b. The AMA Quality Seal Guidelines are open to producers from all Member States and all producers may participate in the AMA Quality Seal System. The notified draft therefore does not lead to any restriction on the internal market.

The existing statutory provisions are not sufficient to meet the demand from producers and consumers for high-quality products, as they offer solely a basic standard of quality. On the one hand, products with higher quality are sought after by consumers and the Quality Seal system satisfies this demand. On the other hand, higher quality products also enable a higher price and contribute to a higher income for producers.

It is a voluntary system; participation in the AMA Quality Seal is not mandatory.

9c. There is no excessive burden. Participation in the AMA Quality Seal is voluntary. Inspections are carried out on a risk-based basis, usually once a year.

10. Reference to the basic texts: Basic texts have been forwarded under a previous notification:
2019/0466/A

11. No

12.

13. No

14. No

15. No

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TBT aspects: No

SPS aspects: No

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