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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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## NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>FRANCE</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Interministerial Director for Standards Sub-Directorate of Quality for Industry and Standardization (SQUALPI) 64-70 Allée de Bercy Télédoc 811 75574 PARIS Cedex 12 Tel.: 01 53 44 97 04 Fax: 01 53 44 98 88 E-mail: <a href="mailto:suzanne.piau@industrie.gouv.fr">suzanne.piau@industrie.gouv.fr</a> or <a href="mailto:syrte@industrie.gouv.fr">syrte@industrie.gouv.fr</a>  <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers and E-mail and Web site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Fertilizing substances and growing media
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Order on the Inspections to be Conducted by Parties Responsible for Placing Certain Fertilizing Substances and Growing Media on the Market (2 pages).
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This Order reaffirms the self-inspection obligations of parties responsible for placing fertilizing substances and growing media on the market pursuant to mandatory standards. It supplements the Order establishing the mandatory implementation of standards and sets out the characteristics of the products subject to regular analyses by the parties responsible for placing them on the market, both to check that they comply with the respective standards and to ensure their safety for man, animals and the environment.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b>  The provisions of this Order previously appeared in several different texts, namely Orders establishing mandatory implementation and the Order of 8 December 1982 on technical procedures for official inspections and checks to be carried out by parties responsible for placing products on the market. These provisions have been compiled in a single text for greater clarification.

8.	<p><b>Relevant documents:</b>          Customs Code, in particular Article 38;          Consumer Code, in particular Article L214-1;          Rural Code, in particular Article L 255-2;</p> <p>Decree No. 80-478 of 16 June 1980 implementing the Law of 1 August 1905 on fraud prevention with regard to fertilizing substances and growing media, in particular Article 8;</p> <p>Order of 8 December 1982 on technical procedures for official inspections and checks to be carried out by parties responsible for placing products on the market.</p>
9.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption:</b>  <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b></p>
10.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b></p>
11.	<p><b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and E-mail and Web site addresses, if available, of other body:</b></p> <p>Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Rural Affairs          Directorate-General of Food and Nutrition          Department of Plant Protection and Quality          251, rue de Vaugirard          75732 PARIS Cedex 15          Tel.: 01 49 55 81 41          Fax: 01 49 55 59 49          E-mail: <a href="mailto:odile.petit@agriculture.gouv.fr">odile.petit@agriculture.gouv.fr</a></p> <p><b>National enquiry point</b>          CINORTECH (National Information Centre on Standards and Technical Regulations)          AFNOR (French Standards Association)          11, avenue Francis de Pressensé          93571 SAINT-DENIS-LA PLAINE Cedex</p>