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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>FRANCE</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Directorate-General of Food and Nutrition – International Sanitary Coordination Division – 251, rue de Vaugirard , 75732 PARIS Cedex 15. <u>catherine.roggy@agriculture.gouv.fr</u> Tel: +(33) 01 49 55 84 86
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Basic mineral amendments and growing media [CN 3101 to 3105] [ICS 65.080]
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Any country marketing basic mineral amendments and/or growing media in France.
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Order Establishing the Mandatory Implementation of Standards (4 pages, in French)
6.	Description of content: Mandatory implementation of two updated standards on basic mineral amendments and growing media. Updating of the earlier Orders establishing the mandatory implementation of standards without modification of the existing standards. Updating of the mutual recognition procedure in accordance with the provisions adopted by the Commission in October 2001.
7.	Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: [] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [] Office International des Epizooties, [] International Plant Protection Convention, [X] None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:

9.	<p>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <p>Customs Code, in particular Article 38;</p> <p>Consumer Code, in particular Article L214-1;</p> <p>Rural Code, in particular Article L255-2;</p> <p>Law No. 41-1987 of 24 May 1941 on standardization;</p> <p>Decree No. 84-74 of 26 January 1984, as amended, establishing the Standardization Code, in particular Article 12;</p> <p>Order of 4 December 1974 approving and cancelling standards;</p> <p>Order of 9 June 1975 establishing the list of standardized industrial products that are not subject to approval;</p> <p>Order of 27 December 1982 establishing the mandatory implementation of standards.</p> <p>All of the above documents are available in French.</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: July 2003</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: From the date the text is adopted.</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: Three months after notification.</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>