NOTIFICATION

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

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** FRANCE  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  *Ministère de l'agriculture et de l'alimentation - Direction générale de l'alimentation* (Ministry of Agriculture and Food - Directorate-General of Food)  *SASPP - Sous-direction de la qualité, de la santé et de la protection des végétaux* (Service for Health Interventions in Primary Production (SASPP) - Sub-Directorate for Plant Quality, Health and Protection)  251, rue de Vaugirard  75732 PARIS cedex 15  Email: [sdqspv.dgal@agriculture.gouv.fr](mailto:sdqspv.dgal@agriculture.gouv.fr)  Tel.: 01 49 55 81 57  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition where applicable):** Organic amendments |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** *Arrêté modifiant* l'arrêté *du 5 septembre 2003 portant mise en application obligatoire de normes* (Order amending the Order of 5 September 2003 establishing the mandatory implementation of standards) The Order consists of 4 pages, and the standard comprises 12 pages (16 in total). |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified Interministerial Order provides for the mandatory implementation of one standard: This measure constitutes an exemption from the marketing authorization referred to in Article L255-2 of the Rural and Maritime Fisheries Code, and set out in Article L 255-5, point 1. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** The standards on fertilizing substances and growing media seek to facilitate the marketing of known products.  The implementation of these standards has been made mandatory for public health reasons. Standard NF U44-051/A2 amends an existing standard. This draft provides for the mandatory implementation of the supplement A2 to Standard NF U 44-051 on organic amendments: *NF U 44-051/A2.- Amendements organiques - Dénominations, spécifications et marquage* (Standard NF U 44-051/A2 - Organic amendments - Designations, specifications and marking). The Standard establishes the designations, specifications and marking for organic amendments. It is aimed particularly at producers, users and official inspection bodies. The Standard completes the general standard revised in 2006, and introduces a designation (sugar cane juice skimmings) and limits for Reunion Island. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** *Articles L 255-1 et suivants du code rural et de la pêche maritime; normes NF U 44-051* (Articles L 255-1 et seq. of the Rural and Maritime Fisheries Code: Standards NF U 44-051) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** End of September 2018  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 1 October 2018 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from the date of notification. |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  CINORTECH  AFNOR  11 avenue Francis de Pressensé  93571 SAINT-DENIS - LA PLAINE cedex  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/FRA/18_4537_00_f.pdf> |