



**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>NORWAY</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Norwegian Food Safety Authority
<b>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):</b> Fertilizing products of organic origin and certain inorganic fertilizing products
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Draft regulations concerning the manufacture, placing on the market and import of fertilising products of organic origin and certain inorganic fertilising products (Fertilising Products Regulations). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 26 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/NOR/24_05806_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/NOR/24_05806_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Norwegian Food Safety Authority has proposed a new regulation concerning the production and marketing of fertilizing products. It provides rules for safe fertilizer production and is adapted to changes that have taken place in the market regarding increased interest in the use of waste and by-products in the production of fertilizers.  The proposal introduces the following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The requirements for hygienization and stabilization are clarified, and the indicator organism thermotolerant coliform bacteria is changed to <i>E. coli</i>;</li><li>• A limit value has been added for arsenic;</li><li>• The table of raw materials and raw material categories that can be used in fertilizer production has been updated (appendix 1) and a new system with applications for the use of other types of raw materials that are not listed in the table is being introduced;</li><li>• The registration obligation changes from a requirement for product registration to a requirement for business registration;</li><li>• Labelling requirements that earlier were included in a standard are now in the regulation;</li><li>• Both organic and inorganic biostimulants are covered by the new regulation, and they are more clearly distinguished from pesticides;</li><li>• There is a new paragraph concerning products traded under the agreement of mutual recognition in the EEA.</li></ul>
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Regulations 4 July 2003 No. 951 on fertilisers etc. of organic origin</a> (available in Norwegian)</li> <li>- Draft regulations on the storage and use of fertiliser etc. (available in Norwegian; Relevant sections available in English) <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/NOR/24_05806_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/NOR/24_05806_01_e.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 January 2025</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 January 2025</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 January 2025</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 3 November 2024</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Norwegian Food Safety Authority P.O. Box 383 N-2381 Brumunddal Fax: +(47) 23 21 68 01 E-mail: <a href="mailto:postmottak@mattilsynet.no">postmottak@mattilsynet.no</a> Website: <a href="https://www.mattilsynet.no/en/plants">https://www.mattilsynet.no/en/plants</a></p>
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