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Amendment 373

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Report

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CE marked fertilising products

COM(2016)0157 – C8-0123/2016 – 2016/0084(COD)

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Proposal for a regulation

Annex III – part 2 – PFC 1(B) – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. Where the CE marked fertilising product has a total phosphorus (P) content of 5 % phosphorus pentoxide (P₂O₅) equivalent or more by mass ('phosphate fertiliser')

(a) the actual cadmium (Cd) content in mg/kg phosphorus pentoxide (P₂O₅) shall be clearly declared, and

(b) the phrase 'low cadmium content' or similar, or a logo with that message, may only appear if the content of cadmium (Cd) is equal to or lower than 20 mg/kg phosphorus pentoxide (P₂O₅).

Or. en

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Article 48 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

From [date of entry into force of this Regulation] until [xxx^{1a}] Member States may adopt national rules that implement the lower limits for cadmium as set out in Part II of Annex I, where justified, in particular, on grounds such as the protection of public health or the environment. Member States shall notify such measures to the Commission in accordance with Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services.

^{1a} Insert date that will finally be agreed for the lowest level.

Or. en

Justification

Nine Member States have already adopted lower limits than 60 mg/kg for cadmium in their national legislation. It is not only important that these Member States can maintain these lower limits until such limits are also applicable at EU level, but that other Member States are also explicitly allowed to adopt lower limits ahead of the dates set out in the Annex so as

to encourage a speedy implementation of the limits. The same approach was adopted in Regulation (EU) No 259/2012 on phosphates in detergents (for phosphates in dishwasher detergents).

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Proposal for a regulation

Article 46 – paragraph 1 – point (3)

Regulation (EC) 1107/2009

Article 3 – point 34 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

"34. "plant biostimulant" means a product stimulating plant nutrition processes independently of *the product's* nutrient content with the sole aim of improving one or more of the following characteristics of the plant:

"34."plant biostimulant" means a product ***containing any naturally occurring substance or micro-organism*** stimulating plant nutrition processes independently of ***its*** nutrient content, ***or any combination of such substances and/or micro-organisms,*** with the sole aim of improving one or more of the following characteristics of the plant ***or the plant rhizosphere:***

Or. en

Justification

Plant biostimulants should be naturally occurring substances.

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Proposal for a regulation

Annex III – part 1 – paragraph 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

8a. Where the CE marked fertilising product is allowed to be used in organic agriculture according to Regulation (EC) 834/2007, it shall be specified on the label as “allowed in organic farming with regard to (EC) No 834/2007.”

CE fertiliser products not suitable for organic agriculture with regard to Regulation (EC) 834/2007 that have a commercial name recalling terms referred to in Article 23 of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 that may mislead the final user about its use in organic agriculture shall specify on the label “not allowed in organic farming with regard to Regulation (EC) No 834/2007.”

Or. en

Justification

These labelling requirements are necessary, as there are repeated incidents in which organic farmers have been penalised due to the use of fertiliser products that are not allowed in organic farming, but which carry misleading terms such as 'bio,' 'eco', or 'eko' in their commercial names.

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Annex II – part II – CMC 7 – paragraph – indent 2 and table

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- *are listed in the table below:* *deleted*

Azotobacter spp.

Mycorrhizal fungi

Rhizobium spp.

Azospirillum spp.

Or. enJustification

There are many other species and their consortia already in use, and at a national level of interest to farmers.