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A Notification under Article 12 of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012[1]

Subject matter related to

☐	Annual Union Work Programme for European standardisation (Art. 12, point a)
☒	Possible future standardisation requests to the European standardisation organisations (Art. 12, point b)
☐	Formal objections to harmonised standards (Art. 12, point c)
☐	Identifications of ICT technical specifications (Art. 12, point d)
☐	Delegated acts to modify Annexes I or III of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 (Art. 12, point e)

Title of the initiative

Draft standardisation request amending Implementing Decision C(2020)612 as regards the deadlines for certain deliverables and the requirements for harmonised standards (Fertilising products)

Additional information

Legislative/Policy reference(s)	Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 laying down rules on the making available on the market of EU fertilising products and amending Regulations (EC) No 1069/2009 and (EC) No 1107/2009 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003 (OJ L 170, 25.6.2019, p. 1)
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[1] OJ L 316, 14.11.2012, p. 12

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amending Implementing Decision C(2020)612 as regards the deadlines for certain deliverables and the requirements for harmonised standards

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amending Implementing Decision C(2020)612 as regards the deadlines for certain deliverables and the requirements for harmonised standards

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on European standardisation, amending Council Directives 89/686/EEC and 93/15/EEC and Directives 94/9/EC, 94/25/EC, 95/16/EC, 97/23/EC, 98/34/EC, 2004/22/EC, 2007/23/EC, 2009/23/EC and 2009/105/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Decision 87/95/EEC and Decision No 1673/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council[1], and in particular Article 10(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) On 10 February 2020, the Commission made a standardisation request to the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN) by Commission Implementing Decision C(2020)612[2] to draft harmonised standards and European standardisation deliverables in support of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 of the European Parliament and of the Council[3]. CEN has accepted this request, and the standardisation work is ongoing.

(2) Implementing Decision C(2020)612 was amended by Commission Implementing Decisions C(2022)47 of 13 January 2022[4] and C(2023)8288 of 6 December 2023[5]. CEN accepted the amended request.

(3) With Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/2786 of 23 July 2024[6], all references to '*Enterococcaceae*' in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 were replaced by 'enterococci'. To align the standardisation request with the wording of the Regulation,

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1 OJ L […], […], p. […].

2 Commission Implementing Decision C(2020) 612 of 10 February 2020 on a standardisation request to the European Committee for Standardisation as regards the EU fertilising products in support of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

3 Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 laying down rules on the making available on the market of EU fertilising products and amending Regulations (EC) No 1069/2009 and (EC) No 1107/2009 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003 (OJ L 170, 25.6.2019, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/1009/oj).

4 Commission Implementing Decision of 13.1.2022 amending Implementing Decision C(2020) 612 as regards certain harmonised standards and standardisation deliverables, deadlines for their adoption and the duration of the validity of the standardisation request.

5 Commission Implementing Decision of 6.12.2023 amending Implementing Decision C(2020)612 as regards harmonised standards, the deadlines for the adoption of those standards and the duration of the validity of the standardisation request to the European Committee for Standardisation as regards the EU fertilising products in support of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

6 Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/2786 of 23 July 2024 amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the Enterococcaceae and presuming conformity of EU fertilising products without verification (OJ L, 2024/2786, 31.10.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2024/2786/oj).

references to '*Enterococcaceae*' in Implementing Decision C(2020)612 should also be amended.

(4) In execution of the request, CEN developed standards on plant biostimulants. Those standards were due on 1 April 2024. However, due to the large number of standards that had to be assessed and delays in internal procedures at CEN, the standards could only be published in November 2024. Therefore, the deadlines for the development of those standards in Implementing Decision C(2020)612 should be amended.

(5) CEN also informed the Commission that it would not be possible to deliver some of the harmonised standards listed in Annex I to Implementing Decision C(2020)612 within the deadlines set out therein. Delays were, in particular, due to complications and delays in the inter-laboratory studies necessary for the validation of testing methods included or referenced in certain standards. Those deadlines should therefore be extended to grant appropriate time for the development of those harmonised standards.

(6) In order to ensure clarity as regards the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 that are covered by a harmonised standard, each standard should indicate any requirements applicable to those products in scope of the standard that are not covered by it.

(7) Annex II, Part B, of Commission Implementing Decision C(2020)612 sets out the specific requirements that the requested standards need to support, including a detailed correlation table between the requested standards and the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 supported by each standard. Those tables should be considered by the technical experts when developing the informative Annexes to the harmonised standards. However, experts should have sufficient flexibility in developing those Annexes in the most appropriate manner. It is therefore necessary to clarify that the correlation tables are only indicative.

(8) The harmonised standards adopted in response to the standardisation request set out in Implementing Decision C(2020)612 may be subject to access to documents requests in accordance with Regulation (EU) 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents. In its judgement of 5 March 2024 (C-588/21 P), the Court recognised that there is an overriding public interest, within the meaning of Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) 1049/2001, justifying the disclosure of harmonised standards.

(9) Implementing Decision C(2020)612 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(10) The European standardisation organisations, the European stakeholders' organisations receiving Union financing and the Commission Expert Group on Fertilising Products have been consulted.

(11) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 22 of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annexes I and II to Implementing Decision C(2020)612 are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

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Article 2

If CEN does not accept the amendments set out in Article 1 of this Decision in accordance with Article 10(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012, this Decision shall cease to apply and Implementing Decision C(2020)612 in its version of 6 December 2023 shall continue to apply.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the European Committee for Standardisation.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission

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ANNEX

Annexes I and II are amended as follows:

(1) Annex I to Implementing Decision C(2020)612 is amended as follows:

(a) Table 1 is amended as follows:

(i) in entries 5 and 20, '01 January 2028' is replaced by '01 July 2028';

(ii) in entry 6, '01 July 2027' is replaced by '01 July 2028';

(iii) in entries 10, 16, 50 and 53, '01 July 2027' is replaced by '01 April 2028';

(iv) in entries 14 and 52, '01 July 2027' is replaced by '01 October 2028';

(v) in entry 18, '01 July 2027' is replaced by '01 January 2028';

(vi) in entries 28 to 49 and 54 to 57, '01 April 2024' is replaced by '01 December 2024';

(vii) All references to *'Enterococcaceae'* are replaced by 'enterococci';

(b) Table 2 is amended as follows:

(i) in entry 1, '01 July 2027' is replaced by '01 July 2028';

(ii) in entries 4 to 7, '01 April 2024' is replaced by '01 December 2024';

(1) Annex II is amended as follows:

(a) In Part A, point 2, the following sentence is added:

'When a harmonised standard does not cover all the requirements, which are applicable to the products falling under its scope, the standard shall indicate the requirements applicable to those products that are not covered by it.';

(b) Part B is amended as follows:

(i) Point 1 'Standards on organic fertilisers in Annex I' is amended as follows:

(a) the second sentence is replaced by the following:

'The harmonised standards shall cover the relevant requirements, as indicated in Table 1 of Annex I to this Decision, and which have a direct reference to provisions of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009.';

(b) the following sentence is inserted after the second sentence:

'The below table indicatively lists the requirements to be covered by the standards on organic fertilisers and the corresponding provisions in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009. CEN may adjust the information provided in this table when describing the relationship between the standards content and the corresponding provisions in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 that it aims to cover.';

(ii) Point 2 'Standards on organo-mineral fertilisers in Annex I' is amended as follows:

(a) the second sentence is replaced by the following:

'The harmonised standards shall cover the relevant requirements, as indicated in Table 1 of Annex I to this Decision, and which have a direct reference to provisions of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009.';

(b) the following sentence is inserted after the second sentence:

'The below table indicates the correlation between requirements to be covered by the standards on organo-mineral fertilisers and the corresponding provisions in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009. CEN may adjust the information provided in this table when describing the relationship between the standards content and the corresponding provisions in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 that it aims to cover.';

(iii) Point 3 'Standards on inorganic fertilisers in Annex I' is amended as follows:

(a) the second sentence is replaced by the following:

'The harmonised standards shall cover the relevant requirements, as indicated in Table 1 of Annex I to this Decision, and which have a direct reference to provisions of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009.';

(b) the following sentence is inserted after the second sentence:

'The below table indicatively lists the requirements to be covered by the standards on inorganic fertilisers and the corresponding provisions in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009. CEN may adjust the information provided in this table when describing the relationship between the standards content and the corresponding provisions in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 that it aims to cover.';

(iv) Point 4 'Standards on liming materials in Annex I' is amended as follows:

(a) the second sentence is replaced by the following:

'The harmonised standards shall cover the relevant requirements, as indicated in Table 1 of Annex I to this Decision, and which have a direct reference to provisions of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009.';

(b) the following sentence is inserted after the second sentence:

'The below table indicatively lists the requirements to be covered by the standards on liming materials and the corresponding provisions in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009. CEN may adjust the information provided in this table when describing the relationship between the standards content and the corresponding provisions in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 that it aims to cover.';

(v) Point 5 'Standards on soil improvers in Annex I' is amended as follows:

(a) the second sentence is replaced by the following:

'The harmonised standards shall cover the relevant requirements, as indicated in Table 1 of Annex I to this Decision, and which have a direct reference to provisions of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009.'

(b) the following sentence is inserted after the second sentence:

'The below table indicatively lists the requirements to be covered by the standards on soil improvers and the corresponding provisions in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009. CEN may adjust the information provided in this table when describing the relationship between the standards content and the corresponding provisions in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 that it aims to cover.';

(vi) Point 6 'Standards on growing media in Annex I' is amended as follows:

(a) the second sentence is replaced by the following:

'The harmonised standards shall cover the relevant requirements, as indicated in Table 1 of Annex I to this Decision, and which have a direct reference to provisions of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009.';

(b) the following sentence is inserted after the second sentence:

'The below table indicatively lists the requirements to be covered by the standards on growing media and the corresponding provisions in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009. CEN may adjust the information provided in this table when describing the relationship between the standards content and the corresponding provisions in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 that it aims to cover.';

(vii) Point 7 'Standards on plant biostimulants in Annex I' is amended as follows:

(a) the second sentence is replaced by the following:

'The harmonised standards shall cover the relevant requirements, as indicated in Table 1 of Annex I to this Decision, and which have a direct reference to provisions of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009.';

(b) the following sentence is inserted after the second sentence:

'The below table indicatively lists the requirements to be covered by the standards on plant biostimulants and the corresponding provisions in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009. CEN may adjust the information provided in this table when describing the relationship between the standards content and the corresponding provisions in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 that it aims to cover.';

(viii) Point 8 'Standards on inhibitors and specific component material categories in Annex I' is amended as follows:

(a) the second sentence is replaced by the following:

'The harmonised standards shall cover the relevant requirements, as indicated in Table 1 of Annex I to this Decision, and which have a direct reference to provisions of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009.';

(b) the following sentence is inserted after the second sentence:

'The below table indicatively lists the requirements to be covered by the standards on inhibitors and specific component material categories and the corresponding provisions in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009. CEN may adjust the information provided in this table

when describing the relationship between the standards content and the corresponding provisions in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 that it aims to cover.';

(ix) Point 9 'Standards on supporting information and claims in Annex I' is amended as follows:

(a) the second sentence is replaced by the following:

'The harmonised standards shall cover the relevant requirements, as indicated in Table 1 of Annex I to this Decision, and which have a direct reference to provisions of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009.';

(b) the following sentence is inserted after the second sentence:

'The below table indicatively lists the requirements to be covered by the standards on supporting information and claims and the corresponding provisions in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009. CEN may adjust the information provided in this table when describing the relationship between the standards content and the corresponding provisions in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 that it aims to cover.';

(x) Point 10 'Standards on glossary in Annex I' is amended as follows:

(a) the second sentence is replaced by the following:

'The harmonised standards shall cover the relevant requirements, as indicated in Table 1 of Annex I to this Decision, and which have a direct reference to provisions of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009.';

(b) the following sentence is inserted after the second sentence:

'The below table indicatively lists the requirements to be covered by the standards on glossary and the corresponding provisions in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009. CEN may adjust the information provided in this table when describing the relationship between the standards content and the corresponding provisions in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 that it aims to cover.'