NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** EUROPEAN UNION  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  European Commission  **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:**  European Commission,  EU-TBT Enquiry Point,  Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43,  E-mail: [grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu](mailto:grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu)  Website: <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/> |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****], 3.2 [****], 7.2 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** fertilising products |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft Commission Delegated Regulation amending Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the polymers in Component Material Category 1; (6 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** EU fertilising products may contain natural, biodegradable or soluble polymers as materials belonging to Component Material Category 1. The delegated Regulation aligns the requirements for such polymers to those set out in Regulation (EU) 2023/2055, which introduces a general restriction in Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of placing on the market of synthetic polymer microparticles. Such polymers are mainly used as technical additives in EU fertilising products |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** The objective is to ensure a high level of protection of human health and the environment. By laying down biodegradability requirements for polymers in EU fertilising products to be applied to soils, the accumulation in the environment of intentionally added microplastics is avoided; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  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 available here:  <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/1009/oj>  Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2055 amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards synthetic polymer microparticles (OJ L 238, 27.9.2023, p. 67, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/2055/oj>). |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** July 2024  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  European Commission,  EU-TBT Enquiry Point,  Fax: + (32) 2 299 80 43,  E-mail: [grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu](mailto:grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu)  The text is available on the EU-TBT Website : <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/EEC/24_01916_00_e.pdf> |