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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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## NOTIFICATION

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

<b>1.</b>	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>FRANCE</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Interministerial Director for Standards Sub-Directorate of Quality for Industry and Standardization (SQUALPI) 64-70 Allée de Bercy Télédoc 811 75574 PARIS Cedex 12 Tel.: 01 53 44 97 04 Fax: 01 53 44 98 88 E-mail: <a href="mailto:suzanne.piau@industrie.gouv.fr">suzanne.piau@industrie.gouv.fr</a> or <a href="mailto:syrte@industrie.gouv.fr">syrte@industrie.gouv.fr</a>  <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers and E-mail and Web site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Basic mineral amendments (enriching agents) and growing media
<b>5.</b>	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Order Establishing the Mandatory Implementation of Standards (4 pages).
<b>6.</b>	<b>Description of content:</b> Mandatory implementation of two updated standards - Updating of the former Orders establishing the mandatory implementation of existing standards without modification - Updating of the mutual recognition procedure in accordance with the provisions adopted by the Commission in October 2001.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Permit the use of two Standards approved by AFNOR (French Standards Association): NF U 44-001, basic mineral amendments, and NF U 44-551, growing media. Harmonize the procedure for all existing standards.

8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Customs Code, in particular Article 38; Consumer Code, in particular Article L214-1; Rural Code, in particular Article L 255-2; Law No. 41-1987 of 24 May 1941 on standardization; Decree No. 84-74 of 26 January 1984, as amended, establishing the Standardization Code, in particular Article 12; Order of 4 December 1974 approving and cancelling standards.
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b>
10.	<b>Final date for comments:</b>
11.	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and E-mail and Web site addresses, if available, of other body:</b>  Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Rural Affairs Directorate-General of Food and Nutrition Department of Plant Protection and Quality 251, rue de Vaugirard 75732 PARIS Cedex 15 Tel.: 01 49 55 81 41 Fax: 01 49 55 59 49 E-mail: <a href="mailto:odile.petit@agriculture.gouv.fr">odile.petit@agriculture.gouv.fr</a>  <b>National enquiry point</b> CINORTECH (National Information Centre on Standards and Technical Regulations) AFNOR (French Standards Association) 11, avenue Francis de Pressensé 93571 SAINT-DENIS-LA PLAINE Cedex