

Fertilizers Europe's comments on the EC communication on the labelling of EU fertilising products

Brussels, 26 February 2021: The Commission's adoption of the labelling guidance of fertilising products is an important milestone in the implementation phase of the Fertilising Products Regulation. While not binding, the guidelines bring a much-needed clarity for European fertiliser producers to adapt their products labelling to the requirements set in the Regulation which enters into force in July 2022.

On 19 February 2021, the European Commission adopted a long-awaited Communication concerning the visual appearance of the label on EU fertilising products as part of the implementation process of the EU Regulation 2019/1009.

The guidelines are not legally binding, but by providing details on labelling requirement (e.g., practical information on storage and use), the guidelines are meant to serve as a guide for European fertilizer producers to develop a customised labelling.

Jacob Hansen, Director General of Fertilizers Europe commented *"with just over a year before the new Regulation enters into force, the adoption of the guidelines on labelling of fertilizers is an important step in providing European fertilizer producers with a much-needed clarity on what information needs to be placed on fertilising products"*.

The Guidelines are an outcome of the work undertaken in 2019-2020 by an appointed Commission expert group composed of representatives of national authorities and interested stakeholders on fertilising products. Hansen said, *"I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the Commission expert group on fertilising products for their efforts and expertise in developing guidelines, providing relevant information for consumers at the same time limiting the burden on producers"*.

Jacob Hansen also underlined *the implementation phase is far from being completed. Important work needs to be done to develop official standards enabling fertiliser manufacturers to implement the criteria of new regulation"*.

Notes to editors:

1. Commission Communication concerning the visual appearance of the label on EU fertilising products referred to in Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 of the European Parliament and of the Council
https://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/commission-adopts-communication-labelling-eu-fertilising-products_en
2. Fertilizers Products Regulation 2019/1009 laying down rules on the making available on the market of EU fertilising products <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32019R1009>

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