

Fertilising Products Regulation (EU) 2019/1009)

Summary

The EU's Fertilising Products Regulation (FPR) updates and expands the rules for fertilising products placed on the market. It introduces a harmonised CE marking system covering not only mineral fertilisers, but also organic, recycled, and innovative products like biostimulants. The goal is to boost circular practices, improve soil health, and ensure product safety across the EU, while keeping national options open.



Key Points

- Expands EU market access to organic and recycled fertilisers.
- Introduces CE marking for compliant products sold across Member States
- Defines clear limits for contaminants, especially cadmium in phosphate fertilisers
- Covers new product categories such as biostimulants and inhibitors
- National fertiliser rules still apply for non-CE-marked products
- Farmers must be aware of product labels, safety standards, and application guidelines

Timeline

- 🚃 June 2019: Regulation adopted
- 16 July 2022 Regulation entered into full application across the EU
- **111** 2023–2025 Ongoing updates to technical standards
- 2026 onward Increasing number of CE-marked fertilising products expected on the EU market



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Direct Impact

- More diverse fertiliser options, including circular and biobased products
- Products with the CE mark can be used across EU borders, reducing legal uncertainty
- Label clarity improves safety and helps with sustainable nutrient management
- May reduce costs and boost availability of alternative fertilisers, especially in manure- and waste-rich regions



Tips

- Check for the CE mark when purchasing new fertilising products
- Review your product's label for nutrient content and contaminant limits
- If using digestate or compost, make sure it complies with both national and EU rules
- Consider biostimulants or organic fertilisers as part of a soil health and sustainability strategy
- Work with cooperatives or advisors to compare costeffectiveness and availability of new CE-marked products

Further Information

EU Commission- Fertilising Products Portal: https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/sectors/chemicals/fertilising-products_en



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