

Fertilising Products Regulation – Update of the legislative procedure

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Outline of presentation

- General information on the legislative procedure
- Examination of some amendments on the table in the European Parliament



Commission proposal

- Adoption on 17.03.2016
- Objectives
 - Create a level playing field between mineral and organic-based fertilising products
 - Improve the safety of fertilising products
- Ambition
 - Substitute 30% of the mineral P-fertilisers by alternatives from recovered nutrients
 - Set limit values for contaminants, e.g. cadmium
 - Open the EU market to new categories, e.g. plant biostimulants



Ordinary legislative procedure

- Vote of the IMCO Committee of the European Parliament: 13.07.2017
- Vote of the Parliament in plenary: September or early October 2017
- Council position autumn 2017
- Trilogues between Council/Parliament/Commission
- Final text adopted by Council and Parliament
- Publication and entry into force
- Entry into application



Implementation STRUBIAS

- JRC report November 2018
- COM consult Member States and industry (FWG)
- Amendments through Commission delegated acts
- Application date of delegated acts depends on:
 - Date of entry into force of the Regulation
 - Discussions in the Fertilisers Working Group
 - Administrative procedure (e.g. Development of HSs)



IMCO Amendments tabled for EP Plenary

- Minimum solubility requirements for phosphorus fertilisers
 - Is it necessary?
 - Is it feasible for "ashes as ingredients"?
 - Is it feasible for other ashes?
 - Is it appropriate for organic fertilisers (AM 287) or organo-mineral fertilisers (AM 292, 293)?



IMCO Amendments tabled for EP Plenary

- "Other industry by-products", CMC 11a
- Confusing message to manufactuurers
- Horizontal approach possible?
 - REACH Registration
 - Evidence that the substance or mixture is not waste



IMCO Amendments tabled for EP Plenary

- Limit values for lead drastically decreased
- Impacts on organic fertilising products
 - OSI containing compost or digestate
 - Fertilisers containing ashes



For more information

- Commission's press release
 http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release IP-16-827 en.htm
- Commission's Fertilisers Webpage
 https://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/chemicals/specific-chemicals_en
- IMCO report

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-%2f%2fEP%2f%2fTEXT%2bREPORT%2bA8-2017-0270%2b0%2bDOC%2bXML%2bV0%2f%2fEN&language= EN