

Evaluation of the Fertilising Products Regulation (FPR)

15th October 2025, 10.00-16.30 CET

Virtual Stakeholder Workshop (streamed from Brussels)

Time	Agenda
10.00-10.15	Welcome and Introduction by European Commission <i>Context and relevance of the evaluation</i>
10.15 – 10.30	Presentation on evaluation approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methodology, data collection and analysis approaches
10.30-11.00	Preliminary findings from market analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data sources and methodological challenges Overview of the European and global fertilising products market Market analysis by PFC (including extent of use of FPR) Remaining data gaps: how stakeholders can help
11.00 – 11.10	Coffee break
11.10- 13.00	Presentation on key evaluation issues by criterion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intervention logic – how is the FPR meant to work? Effectiveness (e.g. progress towards objectives, impacts of FPR to date, differences with Reg. 2003/2003, drivers and barriers of take-up, impact of common EU limit values for contaminants and heavy metals, optionality) <i>Stakeholder discussion – effectiveness.</i> Efficiency (e.g. cost-benefit considerations, trade-off between using the FPR vs. using national rules + the Mutual Recognition Regulation, regulatory burden and proportionality of costs across different PFCs and CMCs) <i>Stakeholder discussion – cost-benefit and trade-offs.</i> Relevance (e.g. FPR objectives in relation to current needs and challenges, relevance of FPR provisions in relation to its objectives, any gaps) Coherence - internal coherence of legal text, external coherence with other EU legislation and policies (e.g. any incoherences, outdatedness) <i>Stakeholder discussion – relevance and coherence.</i> EU added value (e.g. pro and cons of optional harmonisation, value added of FPR compared to national regulatory approaches (and whether this varies by PFC / CMC), single market benefits) <i>Stakeholder discussion – EU added value.</i>
13.00-14.00	Virtual break
14.00 – 15.00	Product Function Categories (PFCs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PFCs covering products already included in Regulation 2003/2003 – what difference has the FPR made (e.g. PFC 1(C) Inorganic fertiliser)?

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PFCs covering new types of products not previously harmonised ¹ <p>Issues to be discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drivers and barriers to the take-up of PFCs Availability of CE marked fertilising products by PFC/ share of CE marked products Costs of using FPR by PFC, market coverage and gaps Added value of CE marking Appropriateness of PFC requirements Innovation Consumer and farmer/ agronomic expert acceptance
15.00-15.10	Coffee break
15.10-16.15	<p>Component Material Categories (CMCs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary raw materials and polymers (CMCs 1, 2, 8, 9) Organic wastes, composts, digestates and by-products (CMCs 3, 4, 5, 6, 11) Derived products, including Animal By-Products (ABPs) (CMCs 10) Micro-organisms (CMC 7) Recovered minerals and other materials (CMCs 12, 13, 14, 15) <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drivers and barriers to the take-up of CMCs Using different combinations of CMCs together as components in EU fertilising products – challenges and success stories Adequate delineation between CMCs and whether CMCs are sufficiently broad in scope (pros/ cons of a more prescriptive/ narrower vs. a broader approach to defining CMCs) Appropriateness of CMC requirements Evolution in CMCs and the role of delegated regulations Impact of parallel regulatory developments on effectiveness of FPR application e.g. simplification through Chemicals Omnibus
Notes on pm sessions	<i>Note – the above two sessions on PFCs and CMCs will also cover horizontal topics, e.g. market surveillance/ enforcement, role of NoBos, standardisation, optionality (whether producers and other value chain actors are using the FPR or national rules).</i>
16.15 – 16.30	<p>Conclusions and close</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting back on CMC break-out group conclusions Summary of key feedback (CSES) Final remarks (CSES and DG GROW)

¹ PFC 1 (PFC 1(A) Organic fertiliser, PFC 1(B) Organo-mineral fertiliser), PFC 2 (Liming Material), PFC 3 (Soil Improver), PFC 4 (Growing Medium), PFC 5 (Inhibitor), PFC 6 (Plant Biostimulant), and PFC 7 (Fertilising Product Blend).

The working language during the seminar will be **English**.

Stakeholders will be invited to complete the **targeted online survey, opening in October**. This consultation is aimed at informed stakeholders and not at the general public/ EU citizens. The results will provide invaluable feedback to further develop and fine-tune the evaluation findings, conclusions and recommendations. The survey will be open for 8 weeks.

The workshop will be held virtually to maximise participation, with the consultants leading the evaluation presenting the findings from Brussels together with the Commission services from DG GROW responsible for the evaluation.

Privacy notice: When joining the call, you will be asked to consent to an audio and video recording of the meeting. Should you not agree to be video recorded, please switch off your camera. The recording will not be published in the public domain, however, and will solely be used for note-taking purposes and the analysis of stakeholder feedback as an input to complement other stakeholder consultation activities (e.g. interviews, public and targeted online surveys).

A meeting summary will be produced by the consultants and circulated to all participants, along with the presentational materials after the event within approximately one week.