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INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Article 4(3) of Regulation (EU) No 2019/1009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 laying down rules on the making available on the market of EU fertilising products and amending Regulations (EC) No 1069/2009 and (EC) No 1107/2009 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003¹ (the 'Fertilising Products Regulation' or the 'FPR'), the Commission shall publish a guidance document for manufacturers and market surveillance authorities with clear information and examples concerning the visual appearance of labels referred to in Annex III to that Regulation.

A task force of representatives of EU Member States and industry stakeholders, representing all the Product Function Categories (PFCs) falling under the scope of the FPR, was created by the Commission in July 2019 in order to support its services (DG GROW/D2) in fulfilling this task. The mandate of this task force was to write a first draft of this document.

This document was shared and discussed with members and observers of the Commission Expert Group on Fertilising Products in 2019 and 2020.

This document is not legally binding and seeks only to provide useful guidance to stakeholders including manufacturers and market surveillance authorities. Only the Court of Justice of the European Union is competent to authoritatively interpret Union law.

This guidance document provides explanations on the practical implementation of the labelling requirements set in Annex III to the FPR. It includes examples of labels for the different PFCs of EU fertilising products. These examples are purely indicative. The position of each part, as well as the colours used in this guidance document are not mandatory. It is up to the manufacturer to decide where to place and how to format the information on the label, while respecting the requirements in the FPR.

Unless otherwise provided in this guidance document or no colours are used at all, the following colour codes are used in the label examples:

- In blue: general requirements;
- In orange: specific requirements for each PFC;
- In black: other information that has to be provided on the label;
- In green: indicated nutrients.

¹ OJ L 170, 25.6.2019, p. 1–114.

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1. OVERALL RULES ON LABELLING IN THE CORE TEXT OF THE FPR

Labelling re	equirements
Articles 6 and 8: name, registered trade	Annex III
name or registered trademark and the	General and specific labelling
postal address of manufacturer/	requirements
importer, as well as a type number, batch	
number or other element allowing the	
identification of the EU fertilising	
product	
<u>Article 11</u> : "repackaged by"/"packaged	
by" + name, registered trade name or	
registered trademark and the postal	
address	
Articles 17 and 18: CE marking and	
identification number of the notified	
body (if applicable)	

1.1. What does mandatory labelling information cover?

- These are mandatory requirements.
- For manufacturers, the words '*produced by*' can be applied on a voluntary basis before the requirement of Article 6(6).
- For packers, it is possible to add the "*id code*" provided by the national authority in addition to the requirements of Article 11. The number of the notified body has to be put on the labels only for EU fertilising products having had their conformity assessed through Module A1 and Module D1 as provided in Annex IV to the FPR.

1.2. Is it possible to provide voluntary information on the label? Where could this voluntary information appear?

Yes, it is possible to provide voluntary information other than that defined in the Regulation (for example, the FPR lays down rules to label "poor in chloride" as a voluntary information). In accordance with point 8 in Part I of Annex III to the FPR, voluntary information shall, among other things, not mislead the end user and shall relate to verifiable factors.

1.3. Is it possible to put information on the packaging, outside the label (i.e. batch n°, CE mark, notified body's number, quantity)?

The label should not be interpreted as a strict physical unit. What needs to be covered by a label is all the mandatory information that has to be affixed on or to accompany the EU fertilising product.

- In case of a product with packaging, the labelling information can appear on the package itself and/or a document affixed to the package.
- For a bulk product, the labelling information is included in an accompanying document or a leaflet.

Therefore, if the practice of the economic operators is to affix the batch number, the quantity, the CE mark or any other mandatory information on the package, it fulfils the requirements of the FPR.

1.4. Is there a minimal/maximal size for the label/the font? Is there a proportional size to respect?

The regulation does not establish any rules related to the size for the label/the font. It is up to the manufacturer to decide which size of the label to use, and ensure that information is clear, understandable, legible and intelligible.

1.5. In what language(s) should a label be written?

Each Member State decides what language has to be applied for its national market.

Some Member States accept a written and signed agreement from a customer dealing with products for professional use which would accept to receive a product labelled in another language than the official one(s) for that Member State (for example, in English). The economic operator is advised to verify with the Member State in which a product is placed on the market whether such an agreement is acceptable. The national authorities competent for fertilising products are listed at:

https://ec.europa.eu/docsroom/documents/35205

2. GENERAL LABELLING REQUIREMENTS IN ANNEX III OF THE FPR

2.1. How to write the designation of the claimed function?

The designation of the claimed function has to be written with the objective of supplying end users and market surveillance authorities with a sufficient level of information, without misleading them. A manufacturer can reduce the length of the designation of a product to the minimum necessary of the respective sub-category as long as the above is fulfilled. If this approach is applied, the PFC index corresponding to the respective sub-category as listed in Part I of Annex I to the FPR must be indicated.

Therefore, taking into consideration the above, the following examples could be used:

First option: it is possible to use the full name designation related to the product function as written in Part I of Annex I for PFCs 1 to 6.

For example:

- Compound inorganic micronutrient fertiliser
- Compound solid inorganic macronutrient ammonium nitrate fertiliser of high nitrogen content
- Liquid organo-mineral fertiliser

<u>Second option</u>: it is possible to use the PFC index (with the letters in upper or lower case as applicable) + a shortened designation.

The following table shows some examples:

Full name designation	PFC index + shortened designation	Condition
Compound Inorganic micronutrient fertiliser	PFC 1(C)(II)(b) – Mineral micronutrient fertiliser	Shortened designation is only applicable if the conditions in point 4 in PFC 1 in Part II of Annex III are fulfilled
Compound solid inorganic macronutrient ammonium nitrate fertiliser of high nitrogen content	PFC 1(C)(I)(a)(ii)(A) – Mineral fertiliser with ammonium nitrate of high nitrogen content	Shortened designation is only applicable if the conditions in point 4 in PFC 1 in Part II of Annex III are fulfilled
Liquid organo-mineral fertiliser	PFC 1(B)(II) – Organo- mineral fertiliser	N.a.

Any function of a fertilising product can be claimed only when a successful conformity assessment has proven such function, including for products for which more than one function is claimed (see point 2 in Part I of Annex III). More details are given under subsection 2.8.

2.2. How to express the quantity of the EU fertilising product?

Except for growing medium, the regulation does not lay down specific rules on the expression of the quantity. Thus, the quantity can be expressed in mass (t, kg or g) or volume (m³, L or mL). It is recommended to only use units from the 'International System of Units'.

It is recommended to express the quantity by net mass for a solid fertilising product, and by net mass and/or volume for a liquid fertilising product.

For growing medium, special requirements are set in PFC 4 in Part II of Annex III. On voluntary basis the quantity can be indicated by additional measurements to those required.

2.3. How to provide information on the general application rates?

As fertilisation recommendations may be crop, site, soil or climate specific, it may be justified for manufacturers and other economic operators to use a relatively general recommendation for the application rate, including maximum levels of application.

A manufacturer can choose to adapt the information regarding the application rate depending on the end user. A distinction could be made between the following categories:

- Consumer use (i.e. private households, week-end gardeners),
- Professional use (i.e. public domain, farmers),
- Industrial use (i.e. use of substances as such or in preparation at industrial site, Business-to-Business).

Following the above-mentioned distinction, it is recommended for economic operators wanting to follow this approach to adapt the information regarding application rates as follows:

- Consumer use market: detailed information concerning the application rates per crop should be shown.
- Professional use market: the label should show general application rates and a reference sentence such as '*Contact Company X or company's X distributor for more specific recommendations*'.
- Industrial market: the label should state a reference sentence (for example): '*This product is not intended for direct application/use without further processing.*'

In addition, it is suggested to add a sentence inviting farmers to follow good fertilisation practices:

'These product application rates are recommendations. We recommend to the farmers to seek counsel from their adviser to adjust the recommendations to their particular situation and to avoid over-fertilisation.'

Or

'Farmers are encouraged to avoid nutrient losses and to take official recommendations into account while drawing fertilisation plans.'

Note: it is possible to provide voluntary information in addition to the mandatory requirements. For example, it is possible for an economic operator to sell a product to an industrial customer with the label prepared for a professional customer.

2.4. How to provide information on storage conditions?

It is under the responsibility of the manufacturers to define the storage conditions according to their knowledge of the product and based on good practices. The key objective should be to store the product without losing the quality and guaranteed content of the product under safe conditions. Pictograms reflecting good practices can be used as long as they are clear and not misleading.

Information about storage conditions may cover among others the following aspects:

- Storage period
- Storage environment (open/roof/closed; covered; dry etc.)
- Storage temperature/moisture
- Stacking
- Incompatibility with other materials
- *"Please also refer to information provided in Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)"* (if it is provided).

2.5. What does the functionality period of products containing a polymer belonging to CMC 9 mean?

The functionality period of a polymer belonging to 'Component Material Category (CMC) 9: Polymers other than nutrient polymers' may be decided by the manufacturer. It defines both how rapidly the polymer must degrade and how frequent applications the use instructions may provide for. If the claimed functionality period is short, the use instructions may provide for frequent application, but then the actual biodegradation should also be fast. By contrast, if the claimed functionality period is longer, the biodegradation may be slower, but then the application frequency in the use instructions must also be longer, since point 1(f) of Part I of Annex III stipulates that the period between two applications must be at least as long as the claimed functionality period i.e. re-application during the functionality period is not allowed.

A general sentence can be added on the label. If considered useful, a pictogram identifying the maximum duration of the functionality period can be added, as suggested below. The pictogram should be completed by a text such as the below recommendations. In the second example, where the functionality period is expressed as a range, it is important that the user instructions preventing re-application refers to the longest possible period covered by the range.



"Re-application during the functionality period is not allowed. Contact company or company's distributor for more specific recommendations.

<u>www.website.com</u> ."



"Re-application after less than 8 weeks is not allowed. Contact company or company's distributor for more specific recommendations.

<u>www.website.com</u> ."

In addition, if the product contains a polymer with the purpose of binding material, a sentence informing the user that the product cannot be in contact with the soil is required.

2.6. How to provide the information on risk management?

In case of products classified under Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, amending and repealing Directives 67/548/EEC and 1999/45/EC, and amending Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006² (the "CLP Regulation"), additional labelling requirements must be respected. For more information, refer to subsection 2.10.

In other cases, it is the responsibility of the manufacturer to supply pertinent information enabling to manage risks. Pictograms (except CLP hazard pictograms if the product is not classified) can be used as long as they are clear and not misleading.

² OJ L 353, 31.12.2008, p. 1–1355.

A generic sentence such as 'To avoid risks to human health and the environment, please comply with the recommended use instructions of this fertilising product' can be used.

According to points 4, 5 and 6 in Part I of Annex III to FPR, in the following specific cases, add the sentences mentioned below:

- Where the EU fertilising product contains derived products in the meaning of the animal by-products regulation, except manure, *Farmed animals shall not be fed, either directly or by grazing, with herbage from land to which the product has been applied unless the cutting or grazing takes place after the expiry of a waiting period of at least 21 days*'.
- Where the EU fertilising product contains ricin, *'Hazardous to animals in case of ingestion'*.
- Where the EU fertilising product contains unprocessed or processed cocoa shells, *'Toxic to dogs and cats'*.

2.7. What does 'ingredients' mean and how to label them?

Ingredients should be considered as any kind of material(s) (such as raw materials, substances, mixtures, bulky volume-building components, etc.) intentionally used for/added to the fertilising product during manufacturing, or substances intentionally obtained by chemical reaction within the production process of the product. In some cases, ingredients may contain impurities, which should be excluded from the list of ingredients.

For materials obtained by chemical reaction, only the reaction product must be declared (for example, ammonium nitrate, urea) and not the precursors.

In accordance with the FPR, all ingredients above 5 % by product weight shall be provided in descending order by the percentage of the <u>dry weight</u>.

Further to the obligation of declaring all ingredients above 5 % by product weight, economic operators may decide to label ingredients that are below 5 % by product weight. When doing so, and in order to avoid confusing mandatory and voluntary labelling, these ingredients should be listed as additional information and not in the section of "ingredients", where only ingredients above 5 % by product weight are expected to be referenced.

According to the FPR, there is no labelling obligation to declare the actual percentage of each ingredient in the final formulation of the fertilising product.

For substances and mixtures covered by the CLP Regulation, the identification has to comply with all the requirements of this Regulation. Hence, for a mixture, its trade name and the identity of the substances contributing to the classification according to Article 18(3) of the CLP Regulation have to be given in the list of ingredients.

For natural materials, it is possible to use mineral names (for example, Sylvinite, Langbeinite) in addition to the names used in accordance with Article 18 of the CLP Regulation, and the corresponding identification number of the material (CAS number or EC number) if available.

To avoid very long lists on the label itself, it is recommended to describe the CMCs of the ingredients by using a footnote or a shortened CMC reference.

- \rightarrow Example for an organo-mineral fertiliser:
 - CMC by footnote

Cocoa shell¹, Feather meal², Superphosphate concd.³ CAS n° 65996-95-4, Potassium chloride³ CAS n°7447-40-7, Magnesium oxide³ CAS n°1309-48-4, Castor cake¹, Bone meal², Urea³ CAS n° 57-13-6

With: ¹ *Plants, plant parts or plant extracts;* ² *Derived products within the meaning of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009;* ³ *Virgin material substances and mixtures.*

• Shorten CMC reference

Cocoa shell (CMC 2: Plants, plant parts or plant extracts), Feather meal (CMC 10: Derived products within the meaning of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009), Superphosphate concd. CAS n° 65996-95-4 (CMC1: Virgin material substances and mixtures), Potassium chloride CAS n°7447-40-7 (CMC 1), Magnesium oxide CAS n°1309-48-4 (CMC 1), Castor cake (CMC 2), Bone meal (CMC 10), Urea CAS n° 57-13-6 (CMC 1)

In the specific case of fertilising products containing composts and/or digestate, it is recommended to complete the list of ingredients with the raw materials used.

- \rightarrow Example:
 - Compost CMC 3 (Green-Compost)
 - Digestate CMC 5 (Dried digestate from manure, energy crops and bio-waste) or Digestate CMC 5 (Solid fraction digestate from energy crops and bio-waste from plant origin)

2.8. How to label the function of products with two or more functions?

The label must bear the designations as indicated in Annex I to the FPR corresponding to the product's claimed functions. Only the designations of PFC for which there is a successful conformity assessment shall be claimed. In that case, the manufacturer is free to choose the order of appearance of the different (2 or more) designations on the label. These functions can be separated by a dash or a word such as "and" or "with".

- \rightarrow Examples:
 - Straight solid inorganic macronutrient fertiliser Liming material
 - Straight solid inorganic macronutrient fertiliser with Liming material
 - Straight solid inorganic macronutrient fertiliser and Liming material

If the product is a PFC 7, and a combination of a PFC 6(A) and PFC 6(B), the general recommendations described above apply.

The mentioning of PFCs index numbers is not mandatory, see for more details sub-section 2.1.

2.9. Is it possible to use different wording for the requirements in points 4, 5, 6 and 9 in **Part I of Annex III?**

Rewording the requirements in points 4, 5 and 6 in Part I of Annex III is not allowed by the FPR.

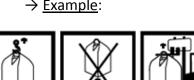
For point 9 in Part I of Annex III, a similar wording to 'low in chloride' may be used...

2.10. Is it possible to use pictograms based on good practices? How to manage the interaction with the CLP Regulation?

It is possible, on a voluntary basis, to inform the user on storage conditions or management of effects on health and environment with pictograms based on good practices, even if the product is not under the scope of the CLP Regulation.

If the CLP Regulation applies, the label of the product must bear all the labelling requirements set by it (hazard pictograms, signal words, hazard and precautionary statements, Unique Formula Identifier when applicable, additional requirements for consumer use and so on), including storage conditions and managements of risks. Additional information (ex.: pictograms on good practices) could be labelled in accordance with Article 25 of the CLP Regulation. They must not replace, deflect or contradict the mandatory labelling elements requested by the CLP Regulation.

In case of use of pictograms, it is important to avoid double labelling in accordance with Article 25 of the CLP Regulation.







2.11. In which cases can the manufacturer express the nutrient content in elemental form?

The manufacturer can express the nutrient content requested by the FPR in elemental form instead or in addition to the oxidised form in accordance with the conversion factors defined in point 10 in Part I of Annex III. For more information, see section 3 of this guidance document.

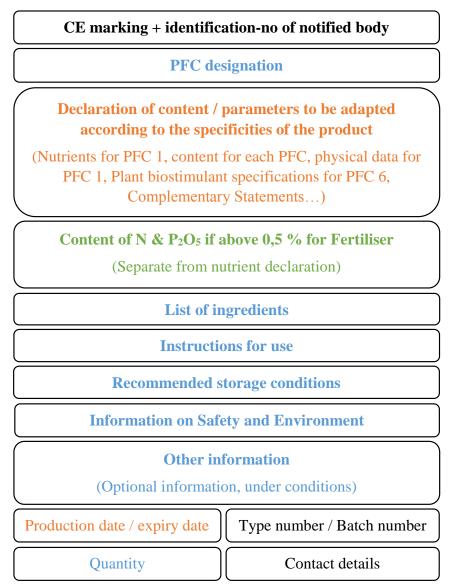
2.12. How to refer to the organic matter instead of organic carbon?

The information requested by the FPR may refer to organic matter instead of, or in addition to organic carbon (C_{org}), in accordance with the following conversion factor:

organic carbon (C_{org}) = organic matter × 0, 56

If both are used, the organic matter can be put beside to organic carbon (C_{org}) into brackets, or in the voluntary information section.

2.13. Example for general labelling requirements and visual appearance



A detailed label frame including all PFCs and references to the FPR labelling requirements is provided in the Annex to this guidance document.

3. Specific labelling requirements for PFC 1 Fertiliser

3.1. Is it necessary to label the content of all nutrients present in a fertiliser?

In accordance with point 1 in PFC 1: Fertiliser in Part II of Annex III, the nutrients declaration is a voluntary declaration and the manufacturers decide which nutrients they want to declare – as long as the requirements in relation to the minimum quantity specified in Annex I are met, except for:

- Nitrogen (N) or phosphorus pentoxide (P₂O₅) which have to be indicated as soon as they are above 0,5% by mass (for more details see sub-section 3.3),

- Micronutrients present in the minimum content specified in Annex I, which shall be declared if they are intentionally added to an inorganic or an organo-mineral fertiliser.

If a nutrient is declared, all the FPR requirements in relation to the nutrient declaration have to be met.

3.2. When the regulation does not define minimum content for secondary nutrients (PFC 1 (A) and PFC 1 (B)), how to label the content of these nutrients?

It is under the responsibility of the manufacturer to declare content of secondary nutrients, taking into account the tolerances which must be applied to them.

3.3. When the content of nitrogen (N) or phosphorus pentoxide (P_2O_5) has to be indicated as it is above 0,5 % by mass, how should this information be provided?

The indication of the content of nitrogen (N) or phosphorus pentoxide (P_2O_5) can be a range of values and is shown as part of the label just below the nutrient declaration, and *clearly separated* by a line or by another labelling information. See the label frame provided as an example sub-section 2.13 of this guidance document. A generic sentence such as *"the product contains..."* can be used to provide this indication.

3.4. Can the term 'mineral' be used instead of or in addition to the term 'inorganic' in the designation of the product? Where should the term 'mineral' be labelled?

Yes, it is possible to replace the term '*inorganic*' with '*mineral*' for the fertiliser that belongs to PFC 1(C) as long as the conditions stated in point 4 in PFC 1: Fertiliser in Part II of Annex III to the FPR are fulfilled. If so, in order to comply with point 1(a) of Part I in Annex III, the manufacturer has to add the PFC index of the respective sub-category to which the product belongs (i.e. PFC 1 (C) (I) (a) (ii)).

\rightarrow Example:

- Mineral Macronutrient Fertiliser (PFC 1 (C)(I)(a)(i))
- Mineral Macronutrient Fertiliser PFC 1 (C)(I)(a)(i)
- PFC 1 (C)(I)(a)(i): Mineral Macronutrient Fertiliser

3.5. Does ammoniacal nitrogen (NH₃) refer to ammonium nitrogen (NH₄⁺) for PFC 1?

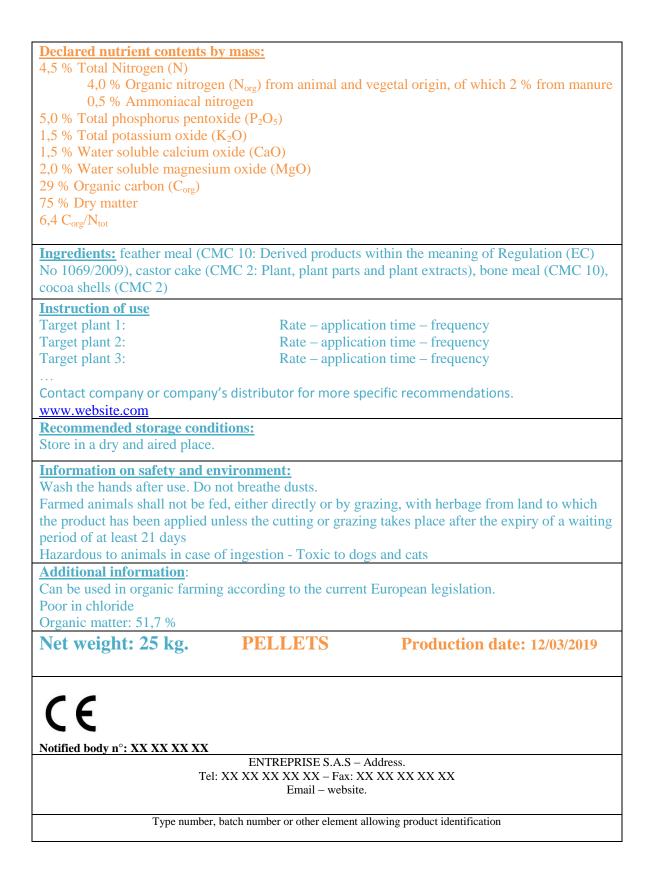
Yes.

4. SPECIFIC LABELLING REQUIREMENTS FOR PFC 1(A) ORGANIC FERTILISER

4.1. Example of a label

NAME OF THE PRODUCT

SOLID ORGANIC FERTILISER NPK Ca-Mg 4,5-5-1,5 (1.5-2)



4.2. How to declare organic nitrogen and the origin of organic matter?

It is under the responsibility of the manufacturer to provide pertinent information on the origin of the organic matter in an organic fertiliser. He or she is also responsible for providing any relevant information necessary to manage risks to the environment. For the sake of the

user's compliance with the Nitrates Directive, the declaration of organic nitrogen should therefore at least mention:

- '*X* % organic nitrogen from animal origin, of which *Y* % from manure' if the product contains only animal raw material providing organic nitrogen;
- '*X* % organic nitrogen from vegetal origin' if the product contains only vegetal raw material providing organic nitrogen;
- '*X* % organic nitrogen from animal and vegetal origin, of which *Y* % from manure' if the product is a mix of animal and vegetal raw material providing organic nitrogen.

4.3. At which precision level should mandatory information for PFC 1(A) be declared?

This sub-section is particularly relevant for information elements such as the organic carbon and the dry matter content.

The manufacturer is free to define the precision level for the above-mentioned information which is most pertinent for the user. For organic carbon content and dry matter content, it is recommended not to go beyond one decimal, as going beyond would not be in accordance with the precision of current analytical methods.

4.4. Should ammoniacal nitrogen be declared even if it is not present in the product?

Ammoniacal nitrogen has to be declared only if it is present in the final product.

4.5. Is it possible to declare organic matter instead of organic carbon?

In accordance with point 11 in Part I of Annex III, it is possible to refer to the organic matter instead of or in addition to the organic carbon (C_{org}). It is important to respect the following conversion factor:

If both are used, the organic matter can be put next to organic carbon (C_{org}) into brackets, or in the voluntary information section.

4.6. Where to include the information related to the date of production?

The production date is the date on which the product manufacturing process is completed. It is up to the manufacturer to determine the date on which the manufacturing of the product is completed. In case, because of the manufacturing or storage system, the exact production date is not known to the manufacturer, the date of production can be understood as the date when the product is packed. The exact location of the product concerned, as long as all the information appears on the label. Thus, it is possible to use so called tracing, *i.e.* a reference to one single place on the label where the date is indicated. It is up to the economic operator to use the format of his/her choice to indicate the date (letters or numbers) as long as it is a full date (day/month/year). This information has been put in black colour on the label example.

5. SPECIFIC LABELLING REQUIREMENTS FOR PFC 1(B) ORGANO-MINERAL FERTILISER

5.1. Example of a label

SOLID ORG	NAME OF THE PRODUCT ANO-MINERAL FERTILISER NPK Ca-Mg 6-5-6 (1.5-2)
Declared nutrient contents	hy mass:
6,0 % Total Nitrogen (N)	
-	en (N_{org}) of animal and vegetal origin, of which 2 % from manure
3,0% Ammoniacal n	
1,0% Urea nitrogen	
5,0 % Total phosphorus pent	$oxide (P_2O_5)$
4,0 % Water soluble phospho	
	(P_2O_5) soluble in neutral ammonium citrate
1,5 % Total potassium oxide	
1,5 % Water soluble potassiu	
1,5 % Water soluble calcium	
2,0 % Water soluble magnes	
0,05 % Water soluble Coppe	
0,50 % Water soluble Iron (F	
22,4 % Organic carbon (Corg)	
92 % Dry matter	
Ingredients : cocoa shells (C	CMC 2: Plants, plant parts or plant extracts), castor cake (CMC 2), meat meal
(CMC 10: Derived products	within the meaning of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009), natural phosphate
(CMC 1: Virgin material sub	stances and mixtures), mono-ammonic phosphate CAS n° 7722-76-1 (CMC 1
potassium sulphate CAS n° 7	78-80-5 (CMC 1)
Instructions of use	
Target plant 1:	Rate – application time – frequency
Target plant 2:	Rate – application time – frequency
Target plant 3:	Rate – application time – frequency
	is a recognized need. Do not exceed the application rate.
	y's distributor for more specific recommendations. <u>www.website.com</u>
Recommended storage con	
Store in a dry and aired place	
Information on safety and o	
CLP pictograms, UFI codes and t	ransport classification pictograms must be added when applicable. her directly or by grazing, with herbage from land to which the product has been applied unles
	ter the expiry of a waiting period of at least 21 days
Hazardous to animals in case of ing	
This fertiliser contains urea,	which can release ammonia and have an impact on air quality. Depending on
local conditions, appropriate	remediation measures must be taken.
Additional information:	
Organic matter: 40%	
Low Cadmium content – Poor in Cl	
Net weight 25 kg.	PELLETS
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して	
Notified body n°: XX XX XX	XX
-,	ENTREPRISE S.A.S – Address.

Tel: XX XX XX XX AX – Fax: XX XX XX XX XX Email – website Batch n°: XX XX XX XX XX

5.2. How to declare organic nitrogen and the origin of organic matter?

It is under the responsibility of the manufacturer to provide pertinent information on the origin of organic matter in the Organo-mineral Fertiliser. He or she is also responsible for providing any relevant information necessary to manage risks to the environment. For the sake of the user's compliance with the Nitrates Directive, the declaration of organic nitrogen should therefore at least mention:

- 'X % organic nitrogen, *from animal origin, of which Y % from manure*' if the product contains only animal raw material providing organic nitrogen;
- 'X % organic nitrogen, from vegetal origin' if the product contains only vegetal raw material providing organic nitrogen;
- 'X % organic nitrogen, from animal and vegetal origin, of which Y % from manure' if the product is a mix of animal and vegetal raw material providing organic nitrogen.

5.3. Should a specific form of nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) or potassium (K) be declared even if it is not present in the product?

Specific forms or solubility of nutrients have to be declared only if present in the final product.

5.4. How to provide pertinent information about the possible air quality impacts of the release of ammonia from the fertiliser use, and an invitation to users to apply appropriate remediation measures when urea (CH_4N_2O) is present in the product?

The label of all fertilising products marketed according to the FPR and containing urea must refer to the potential air quality impact due to the release of ammonia from the fertiliser use and invite users to take appropriate remediation measures. This statement should be preferably close to or underneath the nutrient declaration, or in the section concerning safety and environment.

The statement may be of general nature, for example, along the following lines:

'This fertiliser contains urea, which can release ammonia and have an impact on air quality. Depending on local conditions, appropriate remediation measures must be taken.'

Or 'This fertiliser contains urea, which can release ammonia and have an impact on air quality. Depending on local conditions, appropriate remediation measures must be taken. The manufacturer of this fertiliser has already taken the remediation measure of incorporating a urease inhibitor.'

5.5. How to declare the 'low cadmium content'?

When the product displays a cadmium content equal to or lower than 20 mg/kg phosphorus pentoxide (P_2O_5), it is possible to declare that the product is low in cadmium content. It is recommended to put this statement in 'the Additional information' part of the label. There

are various ways to declare this statement, either by text and/or using a pictogram. Should a pictogram be used, it should contain the chemical symbol Cd, but no symbols representing other product features.



Figure: Example of Low Cadmium pictogram

5.6. At what precision can micronutrients be declared?

The manufacturer should respect the decimals as referred in the FPR for micronutrients. For more details, see sub-section 6.1.2.

6. Specific labelling requirements for PFC 1(C) Inorganic Fertiliser

6.1. PFC 1 (C)(I): Inorganic Macronutrient Fertiliser

6.1.1. Example of a label

Proposal for nutrient declaration for an inorganic macronutrient fertiliser with micronutrients including link to mineral fertiliser statement:

SOLID INORGANIC MACRONUTRIENT FERTILISER

NPK (*Ca*, *Mg*, *S*) mineral fertiliser with micro-nutrients, 16-9-12 (+3 +2 +15) / 16-3,9-10 (+2,1 +1,2 +6)

Or

MINERAL FERTILISER (PFC 1(C)(I)(a))

NPK (*Ca*, *Mg*, *S*) *fertiliser with micro-nutrients*, *16-9-12* (+3 +2 +15) / *16-3,9-10* (+2,1 +1,2 +6)

Or

MINERAL FERTILISER (PFC 1(C)(I)(a))

NPK (*Ca*, *Mg*, *S*) *complex*³ *fertiliser with micro-nutrients*, 16-9-12 (+3 +2 +15) / 16-3,9-10 (+2,1+1,2+6)

Or

MINERAL FERTILISER (PFC 1(C)(I)(a))

NPK (*Ca*, *Mg*, *S*) complex fertiliser 16-9-12 (+3 +2 +15) / 16-3,9-10 (+2,1 +1,2 +6) with micro-nutrients

16 % TOTAL NITROGEN (N)

7,0 % Nitric Nitrogen

9,0 % ammoniacal nitrogen

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9 % TOTAL PHOSPHORUS PENTOXIDE (P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) (= 3,9 % P)
6,7 % water soluble phosphorus pentoxide (P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) (= 2,9 % P).
9,0 % phosphorus pentoxide (P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) soluble in neutral ammonium citrate (=
3,9 % P).
12 % POTASSIUM OXIDE (K<sub>2</sub>O) (= 10 % K) Water soluble.
3 % TOTAL CALCUM OXIDE (C<sub>2</sub>O) (= 2 1 % C<sub>2</sub>)
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- **3 % TOTAL CALCIUM OXIDE (CaO) (= 2,1 % Ca)** 1,0 % CaO (= 0,7 % Ca) water soluble
- 2 % TOTAL MAGNESIUM OXIDE (MgO) (= 1,2 % Mg)

³ Only applicable for those fertilisers that fit the definition of complex (each physical unit contains all the declared nutrients in their declared content).

15 % SULPHUR TRIOXIDE (**SO**₃) (= 6 % **S**) Water soluble.

0,01 % Boron (B), as sodium salt, water soluble
0,020 % Total Copper (Cu), complexed by HGA, 0,015% water soluble
0,30 % Total Iron (Fe)

0,26 % as sulphate, soluble in water; 0,04 % chelated by EDTA

0,05 % Manganese (Mn), as sulphate, water soluble
0,006 % Total Molybdenum (Mo), as sodium salt

0,003 % water soluble

0,008 % Total Zinc (Zn), as oxide

To be used only where there is a recognised need. Do not exceed the application rate.

<u>Remark:</u> this label example is only showing part of the mandatory labelling (applicable to this category of fertiliser). For an example in full detail, please see the example in sub-section 6.5.

6.1.2. What is the minimum number of decimals that should be indicated on the label?

The FPR is not providing guidance on the number of decimals to be used. The author of the label should keep it legible for the user and therefore it is suggested:

- To limit it to zero or one decimal for the declaration of macronutrients (N-P-K-Ca-Mg-Na-S), except for those for which minimum declarable quantity values are already defined with one or more decimals in Annex I to the FPR.
- To respect, as much as possible, the number of decimals as referred to in the Regulation for the declaration of micronutrients. If needed (for example, to meet tolerance limits) one additional decimal, as referred to in the FPR for micronutrients can be used.

6.1.3. How to provide pertinent information about the possible air quality impacts of the release of ammonia from the fertiliser use, and an invitation to users to apply appropriate remediation measures when urea (CH_4N_2O) is present in the product?

The label of all fertilising products marketed according to the FPR and containing urea must refer to the potential air quality impact due to the release of ammonia from the fertiliser use and invite users to take appropriate remediation measures. This statement should be preferably close to or underneath the nutrient declaration, or in the section concerning safety and environment.

The statement may be of general nature, for example, along the following lines:

'This fertiliser contains urea, which can release ammonia and have an impact on air quality. Depending on local conditions, appropriate remediation measures must be taken.'

or

'This fertiliser contains urea, which can release ammonia and have an impact on air quality. Depending on local conditions, appropriate remediation measures must be taken. The manufacturer of this fertiliser has already taken the remediation measure of incorporating a urease inhibitor.'

6.1.4. How to declare the "low cadmium content"?

When the product displays a cadmium content equal to or lower than 20 mg/kg phosphorus pentoxide (P_2O_5), it is possible to declare that the product is low in cadmium content. It is recommended to put this statement in the 'Additional information' part of the label. There are various ways to declare this statement, either by text and/or using a pictogram. Should a pictogram be used, it should contain the chemical symbol Cd, but no symbols representing other product features.



Figure: Example of Low Cadmium pictogram

6.2. PFC 1(C)(I)(a): Solid Inorganic Macronutrient Fertiliser

6.2.1. Example of a label

Please refer to example provided under sub-section 7.1.

6.2.2. Example for granulometry

See below in sub-section in paragraph 6.2.3.

6.2.3. In what way can granulometry and physical unit be indicated on the label? Is it allowed to reference more than one sieve when indicating the granulometry of a product?

The determined sieve(s) is(are) to be defined by the manufacturer depending on the product.

The information in relation to granulometry and physical unit should be provided, preferably grouped on the label. Additional information concerning granulometry can be voluntarily given by the manufacturer, as long as it is compliant with the FPR.

Moreover, it should be allowed to indicate more than one form of the physical unit, as for stability reasons, for example, a combination of more than one physical unit can be present.

<u>Example</u>: Mandatory granulometry and physical unit label descriptions for an inorganic solid macronutrient fertiliser:

Granulometry: Powder. 90 % of the product passes through sieve of 1mm.

Granulometry: Granules. X % of the product passes through sieve of Y mm.

Example: Alternative granulometry and physical unit label descriptions for an inorganic solid macronutrient fertiliser to be compliant to requirements in point 2 of PFC 1(C)(I)(a) in Part II of Annex III:

Granulometry: Combination of powder and prills. X % of the product passes through sieve of 1 mm and the remaining Y % through sieve of Z mm. **Granulometry**: Granules. 95 % of the product has a granular size between 2,0 - 4,5 mm.

6.2.4. How is a "coating" defined?

The specific information concerning coated fertilisers should preferably be grouped as much as possible on the label. Information concerning coated fertilisers that must be provided refers to:

- The functionality period of the coated fertilizer;
- The type of coating agent as referred to in point 4 of PFC 1(C)(I)(a) in Part II of Annex III.

6.2.5. How to declare the functionality period of the coated fertiliser?

See recommendations above under Section 2.5

6.2.6. How to declare the type of coating agent?

With respect to the coated solid inorganic fertilisers the brand name of the coating agent(s) and the percentage of fertiliser coated by each agent should be indicated. Within the FPR, coating agent is a polymer or sulphur controlling water penetration into nutrient particles and thus the release of nutrients. This information should be followed by the markings: '*The rate of nutrient releases can vary according to the temperature of the substrate. An adjustment of fertilisation may be necessary.*' In case the fertiliser is coated or partially coated with sulphur as a coating agent the first marking should be rephrased as: '*The rate of nutrient release can vary according to the substrate and the biological activity*'.

 \rightarrow Example covering all mandatory information as regards coated fertilisers:

An X-Y months product. 100 % of the product is coated with *BRANDNAME*® coating. The rate of nutrient release can vary according to the temperature of the substrate. An adjustment of fertilisation may be necessary. Re-application after less than Y months is not allowed.

6.2.7. How to draw the label for mined fertilisers?

Mining is the extraction of valuable minerals or other geological materials from the earth, usually from an orebody, lode, vein, seam, reef or placer deposit. These deposits are natural sources of the minerals, which are used as inorganic fertilisers themselves or as raw materials to produce (some) inorganic fertilisers.

Due to the natural origin of those mined fertilisers the content of naturally occurring impurities (minerals not important for the product) can vary in the product during the mining process. However, as impurities should not be included in the list of ingredients (see subsection 2.7 of this guidance document for more information), only the mined product (mined mineral) itself should be seen as an ingredient and thus indicated in the ingredient section on the label.

Some mined fertilisers have been known by their mineralogical name for years. Therefore, when listing them in the ingredients section on the label, it is possible to use mineral names (for example, Sylvinite, Langbeinite) in addition to the names used in accordance with Article 18 of the CLP Regulation, and the corresponding identification number of the material (CAS number or EC number) if available.

Example: List of ingredients on the label for mined fertiliser (naturally occurring langbeinite):Ingredients: Langbeinite (Potassium magnesium sulphate) CAS 14977-37-8 (Virgin material substances and mixtures)

6.3. PFC 1(C)(I)(b): Liquid Inorganic Macronutrient Fertiliser

Proposal for nutrient declaration for a liquid inorganic macronutrient fertiliser with micronutrients including link to mineral fertiliser statement:

LIQUID INORGANIC MACRONUTRIENT FERTILISER

NPK (*Ca*, *Mg*, *S*) fertiliser with micronutrients, 16-9-12 (+3 +2 +15) / 16-3,9-10 (+2,1 +1,2 +6)

Or

LIQUID MINERAL FERTILISER (PFC 1(C)(I)(b))

NPK (*Ca*, *Mg*, *S*) fertiliser with micronutrients, 16-9-12 (+3 +2 +15) / 16-3,9-10 (+2,1 +1,2 +6)

Or

LIQUID MINERAL FERTILISER (PFC 1(C)(I)(b))

NPK (Ca, Mg, S) fertiliser 16-9-12 (+3 +2 +15) / 16-3,9-10 (+2,1 +1,2 +6) with micronutrients

16 % TOTAL NITROGEN (N)

7,0 % nitric nitrogen

9,0 % ammoniacal nitrogen

- **9%** TOTAL PHOSPHORUS PENTOXIDE (P_2O_5) (=3,9% P) 9,0% water soluble phosphorus pentoxide (P_2O_5) (=3,9% P).
- 12 % POTASSIUM OXIDE (K₂O) (=10 % K) water soluble.
- 3 % CALCIUM OXIDE (CaO) (=2,1 % Ca) Water soluble.
- 2 % MAGNESIUM OXIDE (MgO) (=1,2 % Mg) Water soluble
- **15 % SULPHUR TRIOXIDE (SO₃) (=6 % S)** Water soluble.

Micronutrients are completely water soluble : 0,01 % Boron (B), as sodium salt ; 0,020 %

Copper (Cu), complexed by HGA ; 0,30 % Iron (Fe), 0,26 % as sulphate, 0,04 % chelated by EDTA ; 0,05 % Manganese (Mn), as sulphate ; 0,006 % Molybdenum (Mo), as sodium salt; 0,008 % Zinc (Zn), as sulphate

To be used only where there is a recognised need. Do not exceed the application rate.

<u>Remark:</u> this label example is only showing part of the mandatory labelling (applicable to this category of fertiliser). For an example in full detail, please see the example in sub-section 6.5.

6.4. PFC 1(C)(II): Inorganic Micronutrient Fertiliser

6.4.1. PFC 1(C)(II)(a): Straight Inorganic Micronutrient Fertiliser

Proposal for nutrient declaration for a straight inorganic micronutrient fertiliser including link to mineral fertiliser statement:

STRAIGHT INORGANIC MICRONUTRIENT FERTILISER mineral micronutrient fertiliser Or STRAIGHT INORGANIC MICRONUTRIENT FERTILISER mineral micronutrient fertiliser, 5.3 % Fe Or MINERAL MICRONUTRIENT FERTILISER (PFC 1(C)(II)(a) 5,3 % Total Iron (Fe) 2,2 % as sulphate, water soluble 3,1 % chelated by EDTA, 1,5 % water soluble

To be used only where there is a recognised need. Do not exceed the application rate.

<u>Remark:</u> this label example is only showing part of the mandatory labelling (applicable to this category of fertiliser). For an example in full detail, please see the example in sub-section 6.5.

6.4.2. PFC 1(C)(II)(b): Compound Inorganic Micronutrient Fertiliser

Proposal for nutrient declaration for a compound inorganic micronutrient fertiliser including link to mineral fertiliser statement:

COMPOUND INORGANIC MICRONUTRIENT FERTILISER

mineral micronutrient fertiliser in solution

Or

COMPOUND INORGANIC MICRONUTRIENT FERTILISER

mineral micronutrient fertiliser in solution, 0,2 % B, 0,52 % Cu, 2,3 % Fe, 0,5 % Mn, 0,06 % Mo, 0,8 % Zn

Or

MINERAL MICRONUTRIENT FERTILISER IN SOLUTION (PFC 1(C)(II)(b)

Micronutrients are completely water soluble:

0,2 % Boron (B), as sodium salt ; 0,52 % Copper (Cu), as sulphate, complexed by HGA ; 2,30 % Iron (Fe), 1,04 % chelated by EDTA ; 0,5 % Manganese (Mn), as sulphate ; 0,06 % Molybdenum (Mo), as sodium salt; 0,8 % Zinc (Zn), as sulphate.

or

0,2 % Boron (B), as sodium salt, water soluble

0,52 % Copper (Cu), complexed by HGA, water soluble

2,30 % Iron (Fe) as sulphate; 1,04 % chelated by EDTA water soluble

0,5 % Manganese (Mn), as sulphate, water soluble

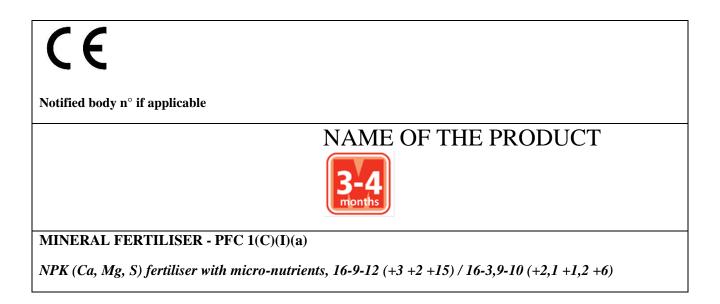
0,06 % Molybdenum (Mo) as sodium salt, water soluble

0,8 % Zinc (Zn), as sulphate, water soluble

To be used only where there is a recognised need. Do not exceed the application rate.

<u>Remark:</u> this label example is only showing part of the mandatory labelling (applicable to this category of fertiliser). For an example in full detail, please see the example in sub-section 6.5.

6.5. PFC 1(C) complete label example



16 %	TOTAL N	ITROGEN (N	I)		
	7,0 % nitric	e nitrogen			
	7,0 % amm	oniacal nitrog	en		
	2,0 % urea	nitrogen			
9 %	TOTAL P	HOSPHORU	S PENTOXII	$DE(P_2O_5) (= 3)$	3,9 % P)
	6,7 % wate	r soluble phos	phorus pentox	ide $(P_2O_5) (= 2$	2,9 % P).
	9,0 % phos	phorus pentox	ide (P_2O_5) solu	uble in neutral	ammonium citrate (= 3,9 % P).
12 %	POTASSI	U M OXIDE ($K_2O) (= 10 \%$	K) Water sol	uble.
3 %	TOTAL C	ALCIUM OX	KIDE (CaO) (= 2,1 % Ca)	
	1,0 % CaO	(= 0,7 % Ca)	water soluble.		
2 %	TOTAL M	IAGNESIUM	OXIDE (Mg	O) (= 1,2 % N	Ag)
15 %	SULPHUR	R TRIOXIDE	(SO ₃) (= 6 %	S) Water solu	ble.
Poor in	Chloride				
0,01 %	Boron (B), a	s sodium salt,	water soluble		
0,020 %	Total Coppe	r (Cu), comple	exed by HGA		
0,015% water soluble					
0,30 %	Total Iron (F	Fe), 0,26 % as	sulphate, wate	er soluble ; 0,0	4 % chelated by EDTA
0,05 %	Manganese	(Mn), as sulph	ate, water solu	ıble	
0,006 %	Total Molyb	denum (Mo),	as sodium salt		
	0,003 % wa	ater soluble			
0,008 %	Total Zinc (2	Zn), as oxide			
<u>Granul</u>	<u>ometry:</u>	Granules. 95	% of the produ	act passes thro	ugh sieve of 4,5 mm.
Ingredi	ents: Amm	nonium Nitrate	e^1 (CAS n° 648	84-52-2), Pota	ssium Nitrate ¹ (CAS n° 7757-79-1),
Ammonium Phosphate ¹ (CAS n° 7722-76-1), Magnesium Sulphate ¹ (CAS n° 7487-88-9), Coating X ⁹					
¹ Virgin material substances and mixtures; ⁹ Polymers other than nutrient polymers.					
Instruct	tions and ap	plication rate	<u>s:</u>		
		Light feeding	Normal feeding	Heavy feeding	This product with a regular and continuous
Container	r nursery stock	1 – 2 g/l	1,5 – 2,5 g/l	2,5 – 3,5 g/l	release pattern is ideal for fast growing

Pot Plants	1 – 2 g/l	2 – 3 g/l	3 – 4 g/l	conifers and Evergreens.
Bedding plants / annuals	1 – 2 g/l	2-3 g/l	3 – 4 g/l	

To be used only where there is a recognized need. Do not exceed the application rate

Attention: The above-mentioned recommended rates are based on unfertilised substrates. Please be aware that these are general recommendations. Specific situations such as use in tunnels, green-houses, or specific climate conditions require adjustments. This product is not recommended for dibbling and/or autumn/winter potting. 100 % of the product is coated with coating X^{\circledast} . The rate of nutrient release can vary according to the temperature of the substrate. An adjustment of fertilisation may be necessary. Re-application after less than 4 months is not allowed.

Contact company or company's distributor for more specific recommendations. www.website.com

Storage conditions: Store the product in a dry and well-ventilated space out of direct sunlight.

Storage temperature 0-40 °C. Partly used or damaged bags should be closed well.

Information on safety and environment:

Product classified under the Regulation EC n°1272/2008. Please refer to the corresponding labelling on the packaging.

CLP pictograms, UFI codes and transport classification pictograms must be added when applicable.

This fertiliser contains urea, which can release ammonia and have an impact on air quality. Depending on local conditions, appropriate remediation measures must be taken.

General information:

FOR PROFESSIONAL USE ONLY.





Company details

Product n°:

Batch n°:

[NAME OF THE PRODUCT]

7. Specific labelling requirements for PFC 2 Liming Material

7.1. Examples of a label

Example 1

LIMING MATERIAL		
Product specific labelling reprint OF THE PRODUCT]		
Neutralising value: 54 (equivalent Cad) IMING MATERIAL Granulometry: 90 % by mass passing through a sieve of 1,0 mm		
Total CaO:51 % by massTotal MgO:2 % by massReactivity:73% (hydrochloric acid test)		
Ingredients:		
Limestone ^a CAS n ^o 471-34-1		
With ^a virgin material substances and mixtures		
Instructions of use:		
1500 to 4000 kg/ha to increase pH from 6 to 6,5 in clay silty soils - Refer to soil analysis to calculate quantity and frequency to apply. Apply uniformly and incorporate in the soil.		
Contact company or company's distributor for more specific recommendations. www.website.com		
Storage conditions:		
Keep in a dry place. Avoid exposure to air or moisture over prolonged periods.		
Information on safety and environment:		
No special requirements		
Additional information:		
- 2003/2003 labelling: G.1.(a) Natural limestone – standard quality		
- Authorized to be used in organic farming according to the current EU legislation		
25 kg net		
CE		
Notified body n° : xxxx (if applicable)		
Manufacturer's name		
Manufacturer's registered trade name or trade mark		
Postal address		
Type number, batch number or other element allowing product identification		

Example 2:

Product specific lab	elling requirements:			
Neutralising value:	94 (equivalent CaO)			
Granulometry:	5 % by mass passing through a sieve of 1,0 mm			
Total CaO:	93 % by mass			
Total MgO:	1 % by mass			
Ingredients:				
Burnt lime ^a CAS n ^o	305-78-8			
With ^a virgin materia	l substances and mixtures			
Instructions for use				
	increase pH from 6 to 6,5 in clay silty soils - Refer to soil analysis to calculate quantity			
	ly. Apply uniformly on humid soil and incorporate in the soil			
Contact company or	company's distributor for more specific recommendations. www.website.com			
Storage conditions:				
Keep in a dry place.	Avoid exposure to air or moisture over prolonged periods.			
Information on safe	ty and environment:			
CLP pictograms, transport classification pictograms and UFI codes must be added when applicable.				
Additional information	tion:			
	urnt lime – premium quality– screened			
- Granulometry by dr	ry sieving : 2 to 8 mm - 98 % by mass passing through a sieve of 8 mm and 4 % by			
mass passing through a sieve of 0,4 mm				
25 kg net	Production date : XX/XX/XXXX			
1 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 -				
Notified body n° : xxxx (if applicable) Manufacturer's name				
Manufacturer's name Manufacturer's registered trade name or trade mark				
Postal address				
	Type number, batch number or other element allowing product identification			

7.2. Regulatory reference, explanation and voluntary additions

Examples of voluntary additions on the label in section 'additional information':

• Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003 or standard EN 14069

Since 2014, liming materials have been labelled according to the criteria set in Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003 as amended by Regulation (EU) No 463/2013⁴. To ensure some consistency in the labelling information and to provide users with familiar information, a reference to the labelling according to this regulation may be provided in the section 'additional information' on a voluntary basis.

Alternatively, a reference to product denomination according to standard EN 14069⁵ can be placed voluntary on the label of the liming material. This European Standard specifies the

⁴ Commission Regulation (EU) No 463/2013 of 17 May 2013 amending Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to fertilisers for the purposes of adapting Annexes I, II and IV thereto to technical progress, OJ L 134, 18.5.2013, p. 1–14.

⁵ EN 14069:2017, Liming materials – Denominations, specifications and labelling

standard and premium requirements of products of natural origin and products from industrial processes to be used as liming materials in agriculture.

• Reference to reactivity

Annex III to the FPR requires declaration of reactivity and method of determination of reactivity.

In existing commercial practices, three methods are recognized for the determination of the reactivity of liming materials:

- a) Determination of the reactivity of carbonate and silicate liming materials with hydrochloric acid;
- b) Determination of product effect by soil incubation;
- c) Determination of the reactivity by automatic titration method with citric acid.

Annex I to the FPR sets minimum requirements for reactivity with reference to the hydrochloric acid or incubation tests. In some EU Member States the reactivity of liming materials is measured using another test: the citric acid method (as currently described in standard EN 16357⁶). However, this method is not included in Annex I to the FPR and, therefore, cannot be used to prove compliance with the requirements therein.

The specific labelling requirements for PFC 2 in Annex III do not specify a mandatory reference to one of two tests that are included in Annex I. For labelling purposes, the manufacturer therefore has the possibility to choose among any available measuring tests the one that suits the product best and is of highest value to the user, and declare accordingly the reactivity of his/her product.

8. SPECIFIC LABELLING REQUIREMENT FOR PFC 3 SOIL IMPROVER

8.1. PFC 3(A) Organic Soil Improver

8.1.1. Examples of a label

Example 1: for the labelling of a 100% peat organic soil improver to be used for instance as an amendment for blueberry cultivation:

⁶ EN 16357:2013, Carbonate liming materials - Determination of reactivity - Automatic titration method with citric acid

[NAME OF THE PRODUCT]				
ORGANIC SOIL IMPROVER				
Product specific labelling	<u>requirements:</u>			
Dry matter (DM):	45 % by mass			
1	4,5 ⁷			
Electrical conductivity:	5 mS/m ⁸			
Organic carbon (Corg):	54 % mass			
Organic nitrogen (Norg):	1 % mass, organic matter of peat origin			
Corg/N ratio:	54			
Ingredients: peat ^a				
With ^a virgin material subs	tances and mixtures			
Instructions for use:				
The function of this organic soil improver is to improve the physical properties and structure of the soil to which it is added and worked in to. In particular, the water holding capacity of sandy soils is improved. Heavy, clayey soils are improved by increasing the air capacity. The application rate is 5 to 20 litres/m ² of soil depending on how sandy or clayey a soil is.				
Contact company or compa	any's distributor for more specific recommendations. <u>www.website.com</u>			
Storage conditions:				
To avoid product's change drying out.	s, protect from exposure to weather i.e. sunlight, precipitation and			
Information on safety and	d environment:			
Do not eat. Avoid wrong a	nd not intended application.			
Additional information:				
RPP certified (with visible logo)				
RHP certified (with visible logo)				
50 L net Pro	oduction date: DD/MM/YYYY, see side of package ⁹			
Notified body n° : xxxx (if applicable) Manufacturer's name				
Manufacturer's registered trade name or trade mark				
Postal address				
	Importer's name			
Importer's registered trade name or trade mark				
	Importer's postal address			

⁷ Recommendation to refer to the EN method.

⁸ Recommendation to refer to the EN method.

⁹ Production date, type number, batch number or other element allowing product identification (Article 6(5) of the FPR) can be printed separately on the package.

Type number, batch number or other element allowing product identification¹⁰

¹⁰ Production date, type number, batch number or other element allowing product identification (Article 6(5) of the FPR) can be printed separately on the package.

Example 2 for labelling of a bulky compost soil improver:

[NAME OF THE PRODUCT]
ORGANIC SOIL IMPROVER
Product specific labelling requirements:
Dry matter (DM): 40 % by mass
pH: 8,5 ¹¹
Electrical conductivity: 220 mS/m^{12}
Organic carbon (C_{org}): 15,7 % mass or
Organic nitrogen (Norg): 1 % mass, organic matter of compost origin
C _{org} /N ratio: 16
Indications of nutrient content:
Total Nitrogen (N)1,1 %
Total Phosphorus pentoxide (P_2O_5) 0,6 %
Total Potassium oxide (K_20) 1,0 %
Ingredients: Compost ^a With ^a CMC 3: Compost
Instructions for use:
Organic soil improver can be used for every soil type for maintaining and improving the physical or
chemical properties, the structure and biological activity of the soil. The content of organic matter, nutrients
and the pH-value acts on soil fertility conditions.
For application on arable land (wheat, sugar beet, rapes, maize, field vegetables etc.) the individual
conditions of soil type, climate and production have to be considered. When calculating the nutrient demand
of the crops, the available nutrient load of the organic soil improver has to be taken into account.
In landscaping organic soil improvers are used for plant beds or in planting holes for shrubs, perennials and
woody plants.
Further applications of organic soil improver are mulching, top dressing and component for growing media.
National Regulations and national official recommendations for application must be complied with.
Contact company or company's distributor for more specific recommendations. www.website.com
Storage conditions:
Outdoor storage of bulk material has to be in a way to avoid material erosion to water bodies.
Information on safety and environment:
Material use only in accordance with application recommendations.
Clean hands after material use.
40 tonnes Production date: DD/MM/YYYY, see accompanying
documents (bulk transport) ¹⁵
<pre>// // // // // // // // // // // // //</pre>
CE
Notified body n°: xxxx
Manufacturer's name
Manufacturer's registered trade name or trademark
Postal address
Importer's name

¹¹ Recommendation to refer to the EN method

¹² Recommendation to refer to the EN method

¹³ Production date, type number, batch number or other element allowing product identification (Article 6.5 of FPR).

Importer's registered trade name or trademark	
Importer's postal address	
Type number, batch number or other element allowing product identification ¹⁴	

8.1.2. Regulatory reference, explanation and voluntary additions

National regulations, both on the use of the product or on compliance with the requirements for placing it on the national market, may be added on a voluntary basis as long as they are clear to the user and separated from the FPR label.

Possible statements about compliance with the FPR include:

'The product fulfils the requirements set for PFC 3(A) (Organic Soil Improver) in Part II of Annex I and for CMC 3 (Compost) in Part II of Annex II to the FPR.'

'The product fulfils the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 (Organic production and labelling of organic products).'

'The production process and the product has been externally controlled according to Module D1: Quality Assurance of the Production Process as described in Part II of Annex IV to the FPR.'

¹⁴ Production date, type number, batch number or other element allowing product identification (Article 6(5) of the FPR).

8.2. PFC 3(B) Inorganic Soil Improver

8.2.1. Example of a label

[NAME OF THE PRODUCT]					
INORGANIC SOIL IMPROVER					
Product specific labelling requirements: Dry matter content: 90% by mass					
Ingredients: Bentonite ^a CAS n ^o 1302-78-9 With ^a virgin material substances and mixtures					
Instructions for use: Spread onto surface of soil and mix into top. Contact company or company's distributor for more specific recommendations. www.website.com					
Storage conditions: Keep in a dry place. Avoid exposure to air or moisture over prolonged periods.					
Information on safety and environment: No special requirements					
Additional information: Authorized to be used in organic farming according to the current EU legislation					
40 tonnes Production date : DD/MM/YYYY					
CE Notified body n° : xxxx (if applicable)					
Manufacturer's name					
Manufacturer's registered trade name or trade mark Postal address					
Importer's name Importer's registered trade name or trade mark					
Importer's postal address					
Type number, batch number or other element allowing product identification ¹⁵					

8.2.2. Regulatory reference, explanation and voluntary additions

Annex I of the FPR does not provide efficiency criteria or parameters for inorganic soil improvers, meaning that no product specific labelling requirements need to be provided. In the absence of harmonized criteria and their corresponding standards, product suppliers are invited to provide information on efficiency of the product in the section 'additional information'.

¹⁵ Production date, type number, batch number or other element allowing product identification (Article 6(5) of the FPR) can be printed separately on the package.

9. Specific labelling requirements for PFC 4 Growing Medium

A PFC 4 product consists of a single bulky (volume-building) component or a mix of bulky (volume-building) components (for example. peat, wood fibers, coconut coir, compost, expanded perlite).

9.1. Examples of a label

Example 1: the labelling of a mineral wool growing medium.

[NAME OF THE PRODUCT]	
GROWING MEDIUM	
Product specific labelling requirements	
pH (H ₂ O): 6.0	
Instructions for use:	
Recommended use: Usable in hydroponic cultivation systems to grow fruity vegetables and other crops	5
Storage conditions:	
Products should be stored dry. If possible also store in original packaging.	
 Incompatible materials: None. Declaring material: Products are packed in polyothyland film or cardboard on wooden pollots. 	
• Packaging material: Products are packed in polyethylene film or cardboard on wooden pallets. Information on safety and environment	
This product can be used safely by growers for growing plants. Please follow the instructions in the Safe	ρ
Use Instructions Sheet.	-
Ingredients:	
Stone wool CAS no° 65997-17-3°, binding material CAS no° 9003-35-4°	
With ^a virgin material substances and mixtures	
Special instructions for products containing binding materials	
Please do not use in contact with soil	
In collaboration with the manufacturer, please make sure of a sound disposal of the products after e	nd
of use	
Additional information:	
1 PCE, Length 133 cm x width 15 cm x height 10 cm	
Production date : DD/MM/YYYY ^[1]	
<i>c c</i>	
Notified body n° : xxxx	
Manufacturer's name	
Manufacturer's registered trade name or trademark Postal address	
Importer's name	
Importer's registered trade name or trademark	
Importer's postal address	
Type number, batch number or other element allowing product identification ^[2]	

Example 2: growing medium consisting of only bulky (volume-building) components

A growing medium cannot contain fertilisers, liming materials, plant biostimulants or products belonging to other PFCs. This type of growing medium (PFC 4) is placed on the market for exceptional applications where the addition of products belonging to other PFCs is not essential. It will also serve as the basis for Fertilising Product Blends (PFC 7) containing other PFCs. Any Growing Medium (PFC 4) blended with one or more products of any other PFC (for example fertiliser, liming material, plant biostimulants) is a PFC 7. An example is given in section 12 on the labelling requirements for PFC 7.

<u>Remark</u>: This label frame is given as a general, indicative example of the label structure.

INAME OF THE PRODUCTI					
[NAME OF THE PRODUCT]					
GROWING MEDIUM					
(without addition of other PFCs)					
Product specific labelling requirements:					
Electrical conductivity: 50 mS/m ¹⁶					
pH (H ₂ O): 5^{17}					
Phosphorus pentoxide (P_2O_5): 25 mg/l (CAT-soluble)					
Ingredients:					
Peat ^a , wood fibres ^b , green compost ^c					
With ^a virgin material substances and mixtures, ^b plants, plant parts or plant extracts, ^c compost					
Instructions for use: Growing medium without any other blended fertilisers, liming materials, biostimulants or other products,					
used as a plain PFC 4 forming the basis for other fertilising product blends (PFC7). Contact company or					
company's distributor for more specific recommendations. <u>www.website.com</u>					
Storage conditions:					
To avoid product changes protect from exposure to weather i.e. sunlight, precipitation and drying out, store					
dry.					
Information on safety and environment:					
Do not eat. Avoid wrong and not intended application.					
Additional information:					
RPP certified (with visible logo).					
RHP certified (with visible logo)					
RAL certified					
70 L net Production date : DD/MM/YYYY ¹⁸					
CE					
Notified body n° : xxxx Manufacturer's name					
Manufacturer's name Manufacturer's registered trade name or trademark					
Postal address					
Importer's name					
Importer's registered trade name or trademark					
Importer's postal address Type number, batch number or other element allowing product identification ¹⁹					
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¹⁶ It's allowed to refer to the harmonised standard or other technical specification used.

¹⁷ It's allowed to refer to the harmonised standard or other technical specification used

- ¹⁸ Production date, type number, batch number or other element allowing product identification (Article 6.5) are usually printed separately on the package.
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9.2. Regulatory reference, explanation and voluntary additions

National regulations may be added on a voluntary basis as long as they are clear to the user and separated from the FPR label.

10. Specific labelling requirements for PFC 5 Inhibitors

10.1. PFC 5(A) Nitrification Inhibitor

Example:

CE
Notified body n° (if applicable)
NAME OF THE PRODUCT
NITRIFICATION INHIBITOR
Ingredients:
Virgin Material Substances and Mixtures:
3,4-dimethyl-1H-pyrazol phosphate (DMPP, CAS n° : 202842-98-6, EC no 424-640-9)
Phosphoric acid (CAS n° : 7664-38-2, EC no : 231-633-2)
Instructions for use:
The nitrification inhibitor 3,4-dimethyl-1H-pyrazole phosphate (DMPP) can be added to solid and liquid
fertilisers if at least 50 % of the total nitrogen content of the fertiliser consists of the nitrogen forms urea
nitrogen and ammonium nitrogen.
Minimum and maximum DMPP content is 0,8 and 1,6 as a percentage by mass of the total nitrogen present
as ammoniacal nitrogen and urea nitrogen.
Contact company or company's distributor for more specific recommendations. <u>www.website.com</u>
Storage recommendations:
Store in dry conditions. For further recommendations. See Section 7 of material safety data sheet.
Information on safety and environment:
Product classified under the Regulation EC $n^{\circ}1272/2008$ and GHS. Please refer to the corresponding labelling on the packaging.
CLP pictograms, transport classification pictograms and UFI codes must be added when applicable.
General information:
FOR PROFESSIONAL USE ONLY.
Company details
Product n°: Batch n°:

10.2. PFC 5(B) Denitrification Inhibitor

At the moment no denitrification inhibitors are commercially available on the EU market. The general label layout should be similar to the layout for a nitrification and/or urease inhibitor.

10.3. PFC 5(C) Urease Inhibitor

Example: Notified body n° (if applicable) NAME OF THE PRODUCT **UREASE INHIBITOR** Ingredients: Virgin Material Substances and Mixtures: N-butylphosphorothioic triamide (NBPT, CAS n° 94317-64-3, EC no: 435-740-7) N-propylphosphorothioic triamide (NPPT, CAS n° 916809-14-8, EC no: 618-780-1) Polyethyleneimine (CAS n° 9002-98-6, EC 618-346-1) Propylenglycol (CAS n° 57-55-6, EC n° 200-338-0) Dimethylsulfoxid (CAS n° 67-68-5, EC n° 200-664-3) Instructions for use: This urease inhibitor (UI) "mixture of N-butylphosphorothioic triamide (NBPT) and Npropylphosphorothioic triamide (NPPT) (ratio 3:1)" can be added to solid and liquid fertilisers if at least 50 % of the total nitrogen content of the fertiliser consists of the nitrogen form urea nitrogen. Minimum and maximum UI content is 0,02 and 0,3 as a percentage by mass of the total nitrogen present as urea nitrogen. Contact company or company's distributor for more specific recommendations. www.website.com Storage recommendations: Store in dry conditions. For further recommendations. See Section 7 of material safety data sheet. Information on safety and environment: Product classified under the Regulation EC n°1272/2008 and GHS. Please refer to the corresponding labelling on the packaging. CLP pictograms, transport classification pictograms and UFI codes must be added when applicable. General information: FOR PROFESSIONAL USE ONLY. **Company details** Batch n°: Product n°:

11. Specific labelling requirements for PFC 6 Plant Biostimulant

11.1. Examples of a label

11.1.1. PFC 6(A) Microbial Plant Biostimulant

		[NAME C	OF THE PRODU	UCT]					
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PFC 6 (A) – Microbial Plant biostimulant									
Ingredients: CMC 7 – Azotol Micro-organism	concentration								
Instructions for use: Application Application Application Claims									
Crops	rates (L/ha)	method	Application stage	number	Claims				
Refer to the terminology specified in harmonised standards or other technical specifications	1 to 4	Soil applied nutrition or via irrigation water	Pre-plant, planting, or top dress stage	High value crops may receive repeat applications every 1-3 weeks. There are no restrictions on the number of applications per crop	Refer to the terminology specified in harmonised standards or other technical specifications				
	1 to 4	Soil applied nutrition or via irrigation water	Pre-plant, planting, or top dress stage	The product can be applied weekly. There are no restrictions on the number of applications per crop or crop cycle.					
	1 to 4	with standard nutrition or via irrigation	Pre-plant, planting, or top dress stage	The product can be applied weekly. There are no restrictions on the number of applications per crop or crop cycle.					
	1 to 4	Applied in- furrow or with soil nutrition as well as side- dress/top-dress. The product may also be applied via irrigation	From the pre- planting through to mid-vegetative stage	There are no restrictions on the number of applications per crop or crop cycle.					

The product can be mixed with the majority of liquid fertilisers, plant nutrition products or plant protection products but must not be mixed with any bactericide. The product may also be applied with all transplant solutions, dips and watering solutions. It is recommended to perform a compatibility test before applying this product as a mixture.						
SHAKE/AGITATE WELL BEFORE USING.						
Contact company or company's distributor for more s	pecific recommendations. <u>www.website.com</u>					
Recommended Storage conditions:						
Keep the product in its original packaging. Store in a c direct sunlight. Protect from freezing.	ool, dry place between 2 °C and 48 °C. Do not expose to					
Information on Safety and Environment ²⁰ :						
EUH 208: Contains Azotobacter vinelandii, micro-org	ganisms may have the potential to provoke sensitising					
reactions						
P102: Keep out of reach of children						
P270: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this pro-						
P280: Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye	protection/face protection type FFP3					
Emergency contact:						
In case of emergency contact: XX: tel. XX-XX-XX-XX	, (24/24, 7/7)					
Production date: see on the packaging	Type number/Batch number					
Expiry date: 3 years from production date	+ notified body number (if applicable)					
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5 L LIQUID ENTREPRISE S.A.S – Address. Tel: XX XX XX XX – Fax: XX XX XX XX						
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²⁰ CLP pictograms may be added only if the product is covered by the CLP Regulation.

11.1.2. PFC 6(B) Non-Microbial Plant Biostimulant

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nstructions fo	or use:	× ×	*			
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Crops	rates (L/ha)	method	stage	number		
Refer to the terminology	2 to 4	Foliar pulverization	From 2-4 leaves stage	1 to 3	Refer to the terminology	
specified in harmonised	4 to 6	Foliar pulverization	From vegetative growth	1 to 4	specified in harmonised	
standards or other technical	5 to 10	Foliar pulverization	Regrowth vegetation	2 to 5	standards or other technical specifications	
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²¹ CLP pictograms, may be added only if the product is covered by the CLP Regulation.

11.2. How to label the physical form of the product?

The physical form (liquid or solid) should be indicated.

11.3. How to provide the relevant instructions related to the efficacy of the product, including soil management practices, chemical fertilisation, incompatibility with plant protection products, recommended spraying nozzles size, sprayer pressure and other anti-drift measures?

The Instructions of use can be provided in a table format, as indicated in the examples in sub-section 11.1, including information such as crops, application rate, application method, application stage, application number and claims. The claimed effects should correspond to the ones indicated in the biostimulant definition, namely: nutrient use efficiency, tolerance to abiotic stress, quality traits, or availability of confined nutrients in the soil or rhizosphere. These should preferably be complemented by the claimed effects identified in harmonised standards for biostimulants.

11.4. How to include a statement regarding the fact that micro-organisms may have the potential to provoke sensitizing reactions?

The label shall contain the following phrase: '*Micro-organisms may have the potential to provoke sensitising reactions*'. This phrase should be included within other hazard phrases in the label section 'Information on Safety and Environment'.

11.5. How to provide the production and expiry date and where to place it on the label?

The production and expiration date should be provided on the label. The determination of the product expiry date should be up to the manufacturer. The production and expiry date can also be located directly on the package or on a folded leaflet (in case of a bulk product).

11.6. Specific instructions for Microbial Biostimulants

Within the part of the label 'Declaration of content' all intentionally added micro-organisms shall be indicated. Where the micro-organism should have several strains, the intentionally added strains should be indicated. The microorganism concentration is to be expressed as the number of active units per volume or weight, or in any other manner that is relevant to the micro-organism, for example, colony forming units per gram (cfu/g).

12. SPECIFIC LABELLING REQUIREMENTS FOR PFC 7 FERTILISING PRODUCT BLEND

As stated in the FPR, all the labelling requirements applicable to all component EU fertilising products apply to the fertilising product blend. For a better understanding, labelling

requirements specific to each PFC are identified below by a colour code in the labelling examples.

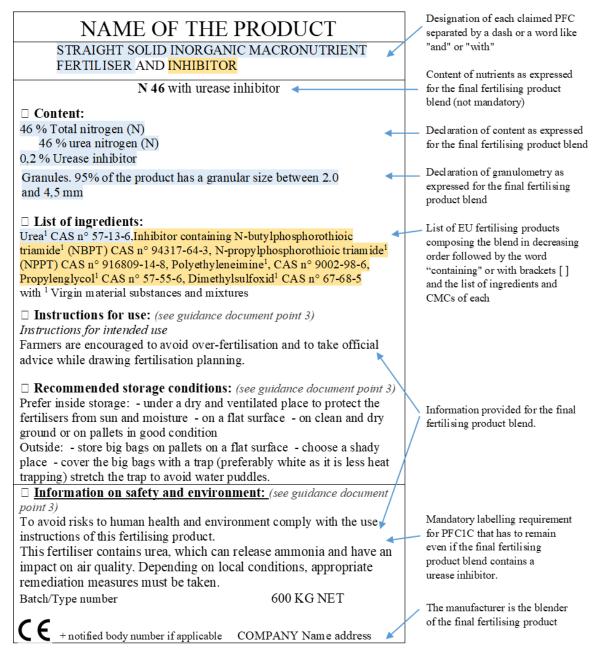
12.1. Examples of a label

The following examples assume that the blending does not lead to a change of nature of each of the component of the respective fertilising product blends.

Example 1: Labelling of a fertilising product blend composed of 2 EU fertilising products from the same PFC (an already EU compliant PFC 1 (C) in light blue with another already EU compliant PFC 1 (C) in dark blue)

COMPOUND SOLID INORGANIC MACRONU FERTILISER - STRAIGHT SOLID INORGA		separated by a dash or a word like "and" or "with"
MACRONUTRIENT FERTILISER		Content of nutrients as expressed
NPK (S) 10,5-13,5-12 (30)		for the final product blend
Mineral Fertiliser		•
Content:		
10,5 % TOTAL NITROGEN (N)		
10,5 % ammoniacal nitrogen (N)		Declaration of content as expressed
13,5 % TOTAL PHOSPHORUS PENTOXIDE (P2O5)		for the final fertilising product blen
9,4 % phosphorus pentoxide (P ₂ O ₅) water soluble		
13,5 % Phosphorus pentoxide (P ₂ O ₅) soluble in neutral		
ammonium citrate		
12 % POTASSIUM OXIDE (K2O) water soluble		Declaration of granulometry as
30 % SULFUR TRIOXIDE (SO ₃) water soluble		expressed for the final
Granules. 95 % of the product has a granular size and 4.5 mm	between 2,0	fertilising product blend
□ List of ingredients:	•	List of EU fertilising products
NK (S) 15-17 (43) [Ammonium sulphate CAS n° 7783-20-2,	-	composing the blend in decreasing
substances and mixtures - Potassium chloride CAS nº 74	-	order followed by the word
material substances and mixtures] – Superphosphate concd. 95-4, virgin material substances and mixtures	CAS n°65996-	"containing" or with brackets [] and the list of ingredients and
		CMCs of each EU fertilising
□ Instructions for use: (see guidance document point 3)		product composing the final
Instructions for intended use	a taka official	fertilising product blend
Farmers are encouraged to avoid over-fertilisation and t advice while drawing fertilisation planning.	o take official	
advice while drawing fertilisation plaining.		
□ Recommended storage conditions: (see guidance do	cument point 3)	Information provided for the final
Store under a dry and ventilated place to protect the fertil	lisers from sun	fertilising product blend.
and moisture Refer to Safety Data Sheet	section 7.2	
□ Information on safety and environment:		
(see guidance document point 3)	¥	If the final fertilising product blend
Product classified under the Regulation (EC) No 1272/200		is classified under regulation EC n°1272/2008 CLP labelling
corresponding safety information on the packaging. To		requirement apply.
human health and environment comply with the use instr	ructions of this	
fertilising product.		
□ <u>Additional Information:</u>		
Low cadmium content		
600 KG NET Pro	duced by:	The manufacturer is the blende
Batch/Type number Nam		

Example 2: Labelling of a fertilising product blend of 2 claimed functions: mixture of an already EU compliant PFC 1 (C) (inorganic fertiliser) in blue with another already EU compliant PFC 5 (inhibitor) in orange



Example 3: Labelling of a fertilising product blend of 3 claimed functions: PFC 4 (growing medium) in red with a PFC 1 (C)(I) (Compound Solid Inorganic Macronutrient Fertiliser) in blue and a PFC 2 (liming material) in orange

As explained in the section 9, any growing medium blended with one or more other PFC (for example fertiliser, liming material, biostimulants) is a fertilising product blend.

NAME OF THE PRODUCT GROWING MEDIUM with COMPOUND SOLID INORGANIC MACRONUTRIENT FERTILISER and LIMING MATERIAL <u>Content</u> :	Designation of each claimed PFC separated by a dash or a word like "and" or "with"
Electrical conductivity (EC):50 mS/mpH (H2O):6.5Nitrogen (N):200 mg/l CAT-solublePhosphorous pentoxide (P2O5):30 mg/l CAT-solublePotassium oxide (K2O):180 mg/l CAT-soluble1 kg/m³ compound solid inorganic macronutrient fertiliser NPK 14-	
 16-18, with 14.0 % Nitrogen (N) 5.5 % Nitrate-N 8.5 % Ammoniacal-N 16.0 % Phosphorous pentoxide (P2O5) 18.0 % Potassium oxide (K2O) fertiliser in granules of which 95% has a granular size between 2.0 and 4,5 mm 	Declaration of content expressed as amount per growing media volume calculated/adjusted for the final fertilising product blend
4 kg/m3 of liming material with :Neutralising value:54 (equivalent CaO)Granulometry:90 % < 1,0 mm	
Ingredients: Growing medium (containing peat ^a , wood fibres ^b and green compost ^c) with ^a virgin material substances and mixtures, ^b Plants, plant parts and plant extracts and ^c compost	List of EU fertilising products composing the blend in decreasing order followed by the word "containing" or with brackets [] and the list of ingredients and CMCs of each EU fertilising product composing the final fertilising product blend

Instructions for use:

Use this product as soon as possible after purchase for growing on of vegetables, e.g. cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, egg plants. Use this product only for the intended application and avoid misuse and mixing with other materials.

Contact the manufacturer or manufacturer's distributor for more specific recommendations.

Storage conditions:

Avoid long storage periods. This product consists of organic materials that by nature may contain saprophytic microbes. To avoid product quality alterations (e.g. N-immobilization) due to increased microbial activity, store cool and under cover. Protect from exposure to weather i.e. sunlight, precipitation and drying out. Avoid frost conditions during storage.

Information on safety and environment:

To avoid risks to human health and the environment, please comply with the recommended use instructions of this fertilising product. Do not eat. Avoid false and not intended application.

Additional information:

This fertilising product blend is for professional use. It contains all essential macro and micronutrients as well as a liming material to ensure optimal plant growth for the intended use.

Contains 1 kg/m³ of compound solid inorganic macronutrient fertiliser NPK 14-16-18 (containing ammonium nitrate^a CAS no 6484-52-2, potassium nitrate^a CAS no 7757-79-1, ammonium phosphate^a CAS no 7722-76-1, magnesium sulphate^a CAS no7487-88-9) 4 kg/m³ of liming material^a (containing lime stone CAS n^o 471-34-1)

^a with virgin material substances and mixtures

RPP certified RHP certified RAL certified

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Production date: XX/XX/XXXX

Type number, batch number or other element allowing product identification 70 L (A12) NET Information provided for the final fertilising product blend

Production date of the final fertilising

product blend

Notified body no. (if applicable) Manufacturer's name Manufacturer's registered trade name or trade mark Manufacturer's postal address

The manufacturer is the blender of the final fertilising product

Example 4: Labelling of a fertilising product blend of 3 claimed functions: PFC 1(C) (inorganic fertiliser) in blue + PFC 2 (liming material) in orange + PFC 6(B) (non-microbial plant biostimulant) in red

NAME OF THE PRODUCT							/	Designation of each claimed PFC separated by a dash or a word
COMPOUND SOLID INORGANIC MACRONUTRIENT FERTILISER PK (S) 14-24 (21) – LIMING								like "and" or "with"
PK (Ca) (S) 8,4-14,4 (18,5) (12,6)								Content of nutrients as expressed
Content								for the final product blend
	Fotal phospho 1 7 % phospho	•	e (P ₂ O ₅) le (P ₂ O ₅) solul	hle in formic :	acid			Declaration of content of
	Potassium oxi	•						Declaration of content as expressed for the final fertilising
30 % T	Fotal calcium	oxide (CaO)						product blend
	Sulphur trioxi							
	Neutralising v		-					
			has a granula	ar size betwee	en 2,0 – 4	mm		Granulometry expressed for the
	passing throu	-	1,0 mm				_	final fertilising product (PFC 1 C
	duct contains of plant bios							and PFC 2 requirements)
0.0			tivity (hydroc	hloric acid tes	st) of 50			
	-		document point				/	Instructions provided for the final
Crops	Application	Application	Application	Application	Claims			fertilising product blend
Field	rates (kg/ha) 200 to 400	method	stage With	number 1 to 3	Dottor			
crop	200 10 400	Soil applied	seeding	1 10 3	Better tolerance			
			5		to abiotic			
					stress			
			ocument point					
•	•	s original pac	kaging. Store	at temperatu	ire betwee	en		
+5 °C an		v and enviror	ment: (see gu	idance docum	ent noint 3	,	>	Recommendations provided for
			plant protectio			/		the final fertilising product.
	ser responsibil	ity to test the	mixture before	application. P	our last in t	he		
tank.								
Ingredients: calcium carbonate ¹ CAS n° 471-34-1, rock phosphate ¹ , potassium								List of ingredients in decreasing order as all ingredients over 5 %
sulfate ¹ CAS n°7778-80-5 with ¹ Virgin material substances and mixtures								are identified for the final
Additional information:								fertilising product
Can be used in organic farming according to the current European legislation.						on.		Production date of the final
	stimulant com						/	fertilising product
600 KG	INEI		luction date: se iry date: 3 year				_	Expiry date of the biostimulant
CE	+ notified body r			s arter product				
			ANY – Address			•		The manufacturer is the blender
Туре	e number, batch	number or oth	er element allo	wing product ic	lentification	1		of the final fertilising product

Example 5: Labelling of a fertilising product blend of 2 claimed functions: PFC 6(B) (non-microbial plant biostimulant) in red and PFC 1(B) (organic fertiliser) in blue

INAIVIL: OF TITLE TRODUCCT NON-MICROBIAL PLANT BIOSTIMULANT - SOLID ORGANIC FERTILISER NK 14 NK 1-4 Order the final product blend Declaration of content as expressed for the final product blend Declaration of content as expressed for the final fertilising product blend Declaration of content as expressed for the final fertilising product blend
Content: expressed for the final product blend 1% Total nitrogen (N) 1% Organic nitrogen (Norg) from vegetal origin 4% Total potassium oxide (K ₂ O) 15% Organic carbon (C _{org})
1% Total nitrogen (N) product blend 1% Organic nitrogen (Norg) from vegetal origin Declaration of content as expressed for the final fertilising product blend 4% Total potassium oxide (K ₂ O) fertilising product blend
1% 1% Organic nitrogen (Norg) from vegetal origin 4% Total potassium oxide (K ₂ O) 15% Organic carbon (C _{org})
4 % Total potassium oxide (K ₂ O) 15 % Organic carbon (C _{org})
15 % Organic carbon (C _{org}) fertilising product blend
95 % Dry matter
15 Corg/Ntot
1 kg / kg of plant biostimulant The plant biostimulant is 100 % of the final fertilisin product blend
Flakes
Instruction of use: (see guidance document point 3)
The product can be used for vegetable crops. It helps to maintain crop Instructions provided for the final fertilising product ble
production under heat and water stress conditions. The content of organic <i>x</i>
matter and nutrients also acts on plant nutrition.
Foliar: Vegetable crops: 50-100 g/100 L (every 7 days);
Claim: Tolerance to abiotic stress. Crop production is maintained under heat
and water stress conditions
Storage conditions: (see guidance document point 3)
Keep the product in its original packaging. Store at temperature between +5
°C and +25 °C Recommendations provide
Information on safety and environment: (see guidance document point 3) for the final fertilising
Prefer inside storage: - under a dry and ventilated place to protect the product blend
fertilisers from sun and moisture - on a flat surface - on clean and dry ground or on pellets in good condition
Outside: - store big bags on pallets on a flat surface - choose a shady place -
cover the big bags with a trap (preferably white as it is less heat
trapping) stretch the trap to avoid water puddles.
Ingredients:
Seaweeds ¹ decreasing order as all
with ¹ Plants, Plant parts or plant extracts ingredients over 5% are identified for the final
Additional information:
Can be used in organic farming according to the current European legislation.
5 kg net Production date: see on the packaging functions PFC 6 and
Expiry date: 3 years after production date PFC 1)
CE + notified body number/s (if applicable) Production date of the final fertilising product
COMPANY – Address
True number both number or other clament ellenging and het identification Expiry date of the
of the second seco
The manufacturer is the blender of the final fertilising product

12.2. How to express labelling requirements for PFC 7?

As specified in Annex III to the FPR, labelling requirements of all component EU fertilising products apply to the fertilising product blend. They shall be expressed in relation to the final product.

If a labelling requirement applies to only one component EU fertilising product, it also applies to final fertilising product blend. In other words, a labelling requirement, which is relevant for a component, is also relevant for the entire blend.

As a general rule, labelling requirements of component EU fertilising products should be expressed for the final fertilising product blend.

If minimum content or concentrations are required for a specific component EU fertilising product of a fertilising product blend, they do not apply to the blend.

→ <u>Example</u>: The nutrient content of a fertilising product blend of which 10 % is a solid organic fertiliser with 4 % of total nitrogen (N) and 12% of total potassium oxide (K₂O), as declared nutrients, will be expressed for the final product blend as such:

- 0,4 % total nitrogen (N)
- 1,2 % total potassium oxide (K₂O)

The minimum content requirement of 1 % of total nitrogen for solid organic fertilisers does not apply to the fertilising product blend.

If a labelling requirement doesn't provide any useful information when expressed for the final fertilising product blend, or if it is not possible to express it for the final fertilising product blend, then it is expressed for the specific component EU fertilising product concerned. In that case, the percentage of the component EU fertilising product in the fertilising product blend is indicated.

 \rightarrow <u>Example</u>: The labelling of reactivity of a fertilising product blend containing a liming material would be declared as follow:

35 % of liming material with a reactivity (hydrochloric acid test) of 50

Being the percentage of EU liming material in the fertilising product blend As mentioned in the component EU fertilising product label

If a labelling requirement is common to several component EU fertilising products, but has different ways of expression, both labelling requirements are mentioned on the label of the final fertilising product blend and expressed for each PFC respectively.

→ <u>Example</u>: Granulometry can be expressed as % by mass of product passing through different sieves (through a 1,0 mm sieve for liming materials and through a determined sieve for solid inorganic fertilisers that can be different than 1,0 mm). Granulometry for a fertilising product blend containing a liming material and a solid inorganic fertiliser could be labelled as follow:

70~% of liming material with 85~% of product passing through a 1,0 mm sieve

Being the percentage of EU liming material in the fertilising product blend Being stated in the component EU fertilising product label

If an expiry date applies for one component EU fertilising product, it will also apply for the final fertilising product blend. The expiration date should be adapted according to the final fertilising product blend and cannot be later than the one applicable to the component EU fertilising product.

If this requirement applies to several components of the EU fertilising products, the most restrictive date applies.

If a notification body number is present on one or more component EU fertilising products label, it has also to be put on the label of the final fertilising product blend with the reference of the component EU fertilising product.

 \rightarrow <u>Example</u>: Fertilising product blend composed of EU fertilising product which went through Module D1

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Notified body number: 0123 (inhibitor)

The number of the notified body has to be put on the labels only for fertilising products having had their conformity assessed through Module A1 and Module D1