

Brussels, 19 January 2023

Minutes of the third meeting of expert group 00930 to discuss a draft delegated act supplementing Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the determination of end points in the manufacturing chain of certain organic fertilisers and soil improvers

19 January 2023 (Webex)

1. Approval of the agenda

An agenda was circulated prior to the meeting and approved.

2. Nature of the meeting

The meeting was not public. The meeting was held via Webex with experts of the Expert Group 00930 on Animal Health. Representatives of the Commission's DG GROW and DG AGRI were present at the meeting. The Chair noted the absence of the Council and European Parliament.

3. List of points discussed

3.1. Introduction

The Chair recalled that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the latest amendments of the draft Commission Delegated Regulation supplementing Regulation (EC) No. 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards determination of end points in the manufacturing chain of certain organic fertilisers and soil improvers (the draft). These amendments were introduced after the public feedback took place.

The Commission circulated a revised version of the draft, prior to the meeting.

3.2. Discussion on the draft

Main changes are:

- Introduction of rules for blending: blending can only apply for certain materials that reached an end point and are not subject to risk mitigation measures.
- Introducing further risk mitigation measure based on packaging and labelling.

Following the presentation and explanation by the Commission of the revised draft, experts asked for clarification of the following:

Experts proposed to delete from the list mineralized guano.

SANTE took note.

Endpoints for Compost and biogas digestion residues should exclude the derogations with no pasteurisation unit.

SANTE: The intention is to allow only standard processing (harmonised) methods for defining end points. The wording will be checked.

50 kg bags are prohibited in the EU according to worker protection rules.

SANTE: The 50 kg request came from the industry. Operators will have to ensure the protection of workers by using machines for lifting those bags.

4. Conclusions/recommendations/opinions

The Commission will verify the wording to ensure the internal coherence of the text, including the legal reference to the blending requirements. Some experts announced written comments.

The Commission thanked experts for their input and invited them to provide their written feedback by 27 January 2023.

5. Next steps

After receiving and evaluating possible further comments from the experts, the Commission will proceed with the adoption of the draft.