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## **European foreword**

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## Introduction

This document was prepared by the experts of CEN/TC 455 “Plant biostimulants”. The European Committee for Standardization (CEN) was requested by the European Commission (EC) to draft European standards or European standardization deliverables to support the implementation of Regulation (EU) 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 (“FPR” or “Fertilising Products Regulation”). This standardization request, presented as M/564 and M/564 Amd1, also contributes to the Communication on “Innovating for Sustainable Growth: A Bio economy for Europe”. Working Group 5 “Labelling and denominations” was created to develop a work program as part of this standardization request.

This document, which defines terms relating to plant biostimulants used in other harmonized standards under Regulation (EU) 2019/1009, alone cannot provide a presumption of conformity to any of the requirements set out in the Regulation.

Technical Committee CEN/TC 455 “Plant biostimulants” was established to carry out the work program that will prepare a series of standards. The interest in biostimulants has increased significantly in Europe as a valuable tool to use in agriculture. Standardization was identified as having an important role in order to promote the use of biostimulants. The work of CEN/TC 455 seeks to improve the reliability of the supply chain, thereby improving the confidence of farmers, industry, and consumers in biostimulants, and will promote and support commercialization of the European biostimulant industry.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies the terms and definitions referred to in the plant biostimulant field and consists of 6 subclauses:

- 3.1 Claims
- 3.2 Terms relating to components
- 3.3 Terms relating to application method
- 3.4 Terms relating to sampling
- 3.5 Terms relating to physical form
- 3.6 Others terms relating to plant biostimulants

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1 Claims

#### 3.1.1 General principles

##### 3.1.1.1

##### **applicant R&D activities**

data derived from R&D activities performed by the applicant

Note 1 to entry: R&D can be related to the plant biostimulant product development, testing and validation, irrespective of the environment in which the type of data has been generated (e.g. under controlled conditions, protected crop or field conditions).

Note 2 to entry: If the applicant has performed the R&D activities by its own technical resources or if the applicant has subcontracted the R&D activities, as long as the owner of the outcome data from the R&D activities is and can be proven to be the applicant.

##### 3.1.1.2

##### **bioavailability**

degree to which substances can be absorbed/adsorbed by a plant or microbe, which is made available at a site of physiological activity and so is able to have a biological effect

##### 3.1.1.3

##### **claim**

effect(s) of the product that could be asserted on the product label of a plant biostimulant and after the conformity assessment procedure

##### 3.1.1.4

##### **crop**

cultivated plant including all components of the plant (above ground parts and below ground parts), mushrooms, microalgae and macroalgae

**prEN 17724:2023 (E)****3.1.1.5****general principle**

define the crops and quality criteria applicable to all plant biostimulants for carrying out the tests necessary to justify the claim

**3.1.1.6****plant**

live plant and live parts of plants, including fresh fruit, vegetables and seeds

Note 1 to entry: It also includes microalgae, macroalgae and mushrooms.

**3.1.1.7****plant biostimulant**

product stimulating plant nutrition processes independently of the product's nutrient content with the sole aim of improving one or more of the following characteristics of the plant or the plant rhizosphere:

- nutrient use efficiency,
- tolerance to abiotic stress,
- quality traits,
- availability of confined nutrient in soil or rhizosphere

**3.1.1.8****controlled conditions trial**

trial carried out in a specific place like glasshouse, climatic chamber, etc., where part of the environmental parameters can be controlled or can be measured (like soil, temperature, light, humidity, etc.)

**3.1.1.9****protected crop**

crop cultivation in greenhouses or plastic tunnels with or without specific control of climate conditions according to the farming practice

EXAMPLE Cucumbers/tomatoes cultivation.

**3.1.1.10****plant nutrient**

chemical element used by the plant for growth and development, usually classified as a primary macronutrient, a secondary macronutrient or a micronutrient per the quantities required by the plant

Note 1 to entry: Primary macronutrients – nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), potassium (K),

Secondary macronutrients – calcium (Ca), magnesium (Mg), sodium (Na), sulphur (S),

Micronutrients – boron (B), cobalt (Co), copper (Cu), iron (Fe), manganese (Mn), molybdenum (Mo), zinc (Zn).



**3.1.1.11****trial series**

grouping of a number of independent field trials (e.g. strip, randomized complete block designs), including protected crops carried out with plants, which have the same objectives, experimental design, protocol, parameters to prove the consistency of a result

Note 1 to entry: It can be conducted in different locations and /or over a number of consecutive years, as long as it satisfies quality criteria described in EN 17700-1:—<sup>1</sup>, *General principles* (same protocol, same crop, control, timing).

**3.1.1.12****strip trial**

trial carried out using two strips, next to each other, in the same field, to compare control with plant biostimulant treatment without repetition

**3.1.1.13****replicates**

repetition of each treatment in the same trial, at the same time and under the same agronomic management practices (application of fertilizers, plant protection products) as all other treatments

**3.1.1.14****agronomic marker**

measurable plant trait used to validate the claim

**3.1.1.15****stress marker**

physiological, biochemical and molecular traits associated with a plant response to a specific stress

Note 1 to entry: the stress marker can be divided in three specific traits:

- Biochemical traits (antioxidants, lipid peroxidation, reduction in Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS), reduction in free radicals),
- Molecular traits (Genes, transcription factors, metabolic pathways related to abiotic stress),
- Physiological traits: electrolyte leakage, relative water content, reduced stress symptoms.

EXAMPLE Heat shock proteins, electrolyte leakage for thermal stress, Chlorophyll fluorescence, lipid peroxidation for light stress, Electrolyte leakage, lipid peroxidation for mechanical stress, Relative water content, electrolyte leakage for water stress

**3.1.2****Nutrient Use Efficiency**

measure of a plant's ability to acquire and utilize nutrients from the environment for a desired outcome based on (a) nutrient availability (b) uptake efficiency and/or (c) utilization efficiency

Note 1 to entry: Nutrient use efficiency is a complex trait: it depends on the ability to take up the nutrients from the soil, medium, fertilizing products, but also on transport, storage, mobilization, within the plant.

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**prEN 17724:2023 (E)****3.1.2.1****chelated plant nutrient  
complexed plant nutrient**

composition based on an inorganic form of the plant nutrient and a chelating or complexing agent, resulting in a product that enhances the nutrient availability to plants

EXAMPLE A composition of chelated or complexed plant nutrient is a salt or oxide.

**3.1.2.2****nutrient assimilation**

uptake of nutrients into cells and tissues and consequent building up into more complex substances

EXAMPLE Converting available nitrogen into biomass.

**3.1.2.3****nutrient availability**

measure of the capacity of a nutrient to be acquired by the plant, depending on its presence in the soil solution or exchangeable on soil colloids

**3.1.2.4****nutrient available**

elements either present in the soil solution or exchangeable on soil colloids

**3.1.2.5****nutrient uptake**

acquisition of nutrients by the plant

**3.1.2.6****plant development**

complex process by which the size, composition and organization of a plant changes during its life, encompassing seed germination, vegetative growth, formation of flowers, bloom, fruit set and maturation (embryo development)

**3.1.2.7****plant metabolism**

various biochemical reactions occurring in a living plant cell in order to maintain life and growth

**3.1.2.8****plant nutrition**

supply and absorption of chemical compounds needed for plant growth and metabolism

**3.1.2.9****plant nutrition process**

mechanism by which nutrients are utilized or converted to cellular constituents and used for energetic or metabolic purposes

**3.1.2.10****quality**

desired attributes of cultivated organisms in terms of human or animal nutrition, marketing, aesthetics, composition, agronomical trait, or technical

**3.1.2.11****substance**

chemical element and its compounds in the natural state or obtained by any manufacturing process, including any additives necessary to preserve its stability and any impurity deriving from the process used, but excluding any solvent which can be separated without affecting the stability of the substance or changing its composition

**3.1.2.12****uptake efficiency**

measure of the plant capacity to acquire nutrients from the environment

**3.1.2.13****utilization efficiency**

measure of the plant capacity to transform and valorise acquired nutrients into more complex substances (e.g. organic compounds, plant biomass)

EXAMPLE      Organic compounds, plant biomass.

**3.1.3****tolerance to abiotic stress**

ability to endure abiotic stress

**3.1.3.1****abiotic stress**

negative impact of non-living factors on the plant in a specific crop environment

Note 1 to entry: Crop tolerance to abiotic stress is addressed to one or more (multiple or combined) of the following stress categories:

- 1) thermal stress;
- 2) light stress;
- 3) mechanical stress;
- 4) water stress;
- 5) chemical stress.

**3.1.3.1.1****chemical stress**

negative impact of chemicals (supra-optimal or sub-optimal chemical compounds or presence) on the plant in a specific crop environment

EXAMPLE      Salt stress, mineral toxicity induced by heavy metals or excessive application of mineral nutrients, adverse pH conditions, ozone stress, phytotoxic effects of xenobiotics.

**3.1.3.1.1.1****osmotic stress**

physiologic dysfunction caused by a sudden change in the solute concentration around a cell, which causes a rapid change in the movement of water across its cell membrane