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European foreword

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- *Part 2: Nutrient use efficiency resulting from the use of a plant biostimulant;*
- *Part 3: Tolerance to abiotic stress resulting from the use of a plant biostimulant;*
- *Part 4: Determination of quality traits resulting from the use of a plant biostimulant;*
- *Part 5: Determination of availability of confined nutrient in the soil or rhizosphere.*

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Introduction

This document has been developed to provide guidance for a consistent approach to justify the claims associated with the use of plant biostimulants in agriculture.

The definition of plant biostimulants to be used in the regulation on fertilizing materials is claims-based. For this reason, demonstrating that a product is indeed a *bona fide* plant biostimulant depends on a demonstration of its effect.

The placing of a plant biostimulant on the market should never be considered to guarantee effectiveness under all conditions, as many factors can influence the performance of a plant biostimulant in the field.

Plant biostimulants used in agriculture can be applied in multiple ways: on soil, on plant, as seed treatment, etc. This document is applicable to all application types of plant biostimulants in agriculture.

1 Scope

This document specifies the general principles for justifying the product claims for plant biostimulants.

General principles consist of and define all general parameters, requirements and quality criteria, and are intended to be applied in order to assess the efficacy of trials used for claim(s) validation as a result of the use of a plant biostimulant.

This document is aimed primarily at manufacturers, laboratories, researchers, technical centres, companies that will put the products on the market, notifying authorities, notified bodies, and market surveillance authorities.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

CEN/TS 17700-5:2022, *Plant biostimulants — Claims — Part 5: Determination of availability of confined nutrients in the soil or rhizosphere*

CEN/TS 17724:2022, *Plant biostimulants — Terminology*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in CEN/TS 17724:2022 and the following apply.

3.1

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

3.2

claim

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

3.3

general principle

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