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Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 134, *Fertilizers, soil conditioners and beneficial substances*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 7851:1983), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

— "beneficial substances" and related classifications have been added (Clause 6);

— the "main classification principle" (4.1) and the "auxiliary classification principle" (4.2) have been added;

— definitions have been modified according to ISO 8157;

— Figure A.1 has been modified to reflect the three changes highlighted in this list.

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Fertilizers, soil conditioners and beneficial substances — Classification

1 Scope

This document establishes a system of classification for fertilizers, soil conditioners and beneficial substances. The system of classification is in accordance with:

— the nutrient contents of the fertilizer;

— the effect of the fertilizer;

— the type of product; and

— the acidity and alkalinity of the product as a supplement.

It is applicable to fertilizers, soil conditioners and beneficial substances. The classification scheme for fertilizers, soil conditioners and beneficial substances (in accordance with nutrient contents) is shown in Annex A.

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.

ISO 8157, *Fertilizers and soil conditioners — Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 8157 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

4 Classification for fertilizers

4.1 Main classification principle (in accordance with nutrient contents)

4.1.1 Inorganic fertilizers

4.1.1.1 Overview

This subclause concerns fertilizers without organic material other than those defined as additives.

NOTE Calcium cyanamide, urea and its condensation products and chelated and complex micronutrients (elements) are, by convention, recognized as inorganic fertilizers.