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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

- Notifying Member: <u>NORWAY</u>
 If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
- 2. Agency responsible:

Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection, P.O. Box 2014

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- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Fertiliser: Mineral or chemical fertilizers, nitrogenous. (HS 3102)
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Regulations amending Regulation Concerning Trade with Fertilisers, Liming Materials etc. (2 pages, unofficial English translation)
- **6. Description of content:** Amendments of the national safety-requirements for ammonium nitrate fertilisers of high nitrogen content.

Through Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 implemented by the Norwegian regulations 30 May 2008 No. 516 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) some of the technical provisions for all ammonium nitrate fertilisers in the EEA area are harmonised.

Norway also has decided to adapt the national regulation to some of the other provisions in articles 25 to 28 of Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 relating to fertilisers.

This is in order to streamline the handling of ammonium nitrate fertilisers of high nitrogen content independently of the regulation under which it is marketed.

In order to facilitate the control of the fertilisers we also propose a new requirement for certain information to be submitted with the test of resistance to detonation.

The following new requirements are proposed:

- •submission of an analysis-report on the test of resistance to detonation to the Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection at least 5 days before the arrival of the fertiliser at the Norwegian borders in the following cases:
 - the fertiliser is imported from countries outside the EEA-area.
 - the fertiliser is imported from countries in the EEA-area and has not earlier been placed on the marked in an EEA-country.
- analysis being performed by approved laboratories
- •submission of certain information about the products which are to be imported or placed on the market in Norway
- •ammonium nitrate fertilisers of high nitrogen content shall be made available to the final user only in packaged form.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Public health and safety. The purpose of the amendments is to streamline the handling of ammonium nitrate fertilisers of high nitrogen content independently of the regulation under which it is marketed.
- 8. Relevant documents: Regulations 4. July 2003 No. 1063 relating to trade with fertilisers, liming materials etc. http://lovdata.no/dokument/SF/forskrift/2003-07-04-1063
- 9. Proposed date of adoption: 1 January 2015

Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2015

- 10. Final date for comments: 29 September 2014
- 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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