Information on the conformity assessment of fertiliser products

AGES GmbH –

Product Certification (ID 0716)

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1 General information

The Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety GmbH – Product Certification Body (ID 0716) (hereinafter "AGES GmbH – Product Certification Body (ID 0716)") offers the performance of EU type testing (**Module B**) as part of conformity assessments of EU fertiliser products in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2019/1009.

Conformity assessment in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 is a procedure to demonstrate that the requirements of the afore mentioned Regulation for a fertiliser product have been met. The assessment of a fertiliser product's conformity is carried out as part of a conformity assessment procedure in accordance with Annex IV of that Regulation.

The aim is to ensure that all fertiliser products made available on the market comply with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 in terms of both manufacturing and the final product. Upon completion of the procedure, provided that the conformity of an EU fertiliser product with the requirements set out in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 has been demonstrated through this conformity assessment procedure, manufacturers are entitled to affix the CE marking on the product, indicating the name and identification number of the conformity assessment body.

2 Procedere

2.1 Preparation of the necessary technical documentation

Various technical documents must be submitted for the conformity assessment. These vary depending on the product function category (PFC) and component material category (CMC). The following documents must be submitted in any case:

- a general description of the fertiliser product, the PFC corresponding to the specified function of the EU fertiliser product, and a description of the intended use
- a list of the component materials used, the CMCs to which they belong in accordance with Annex II, and information on their origin or manufacturing process

- the EU declarations of conformity for the EU fertiliser products as mixture components of the fertiliser product mixture in accordance with PFC 7
- drawings, plans, descriptions, and explanations necessary for understanding the manufacturing process of the EU fertilising product
- a sample of the label or the information sheet, or both, in accordance with Article 6(7), containing the information required in accordance with Annex III
- a list of the harmonized standards referred to in Article 13, the common specifications referred to in Article 14, and/or other relevant technical specifications applied; in the case of partially applied harmonized standards or common specifications, the parts that have been applied shall be indicated in the technical documentation
- the results of the calculations performed, including those to demonstrate conformity with Annex I, Part II, point 5, the tests carried out, etc.
- Test reports,
- where the EU fertilising product contains or consists of products derived from animal by-products within the meaning of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009, the commercial documents or health certificates in accordance with that Regulation and proof that the derived products have reached the end point in the manufacturing chain within the meaning of that Regulation
- where the EU fertilising product contains or consists of by-products within the meaning of Directive 2008/98/EC, the technical and administrative evidence that the by-products meet the criteria set out in the delegated act referred to in Article 43(7) of this Regulation, and comply with the national measures implementing Article 5(1) of Directive 2008/98/EC and, where applicable, the implementing acts adopted pursuant to Article 5(2) of that Directive or the national measures adopted pursuant to Article 5(3) of that Directive;
- if the EU fertiliser product has a total chromium (Cr) content exceeding 200 mg/kg, the maximum amount and the exact source of the total chromium (Cr) content must be specified.
- For biostimulants PFC 6: Documents verifying efficacy in accordance with standard EN 17700-1-5

2.2 Complete the letter of engagement for conformity assessment and submit the online form

After preparing the technical documentation, complete and sign the letter of engagement for the Conformity Assessment of Fertiliser Products, Module B (F_19125). You can find this document in the download section of the AGES website .

Now all you need to do is fill out the online form. You can also find the link to the online form on the AGES website. In the online form, you must upload the necessary technical documentation and the signed letter of engagement

After submitting the online form, you will receive a written confirmation of receipt via email as well as an order number.

2.3 Submission of a sample of your product representative of production

You must now send samples for the evaluation of your product to the following address:

AGES GmbH
Department of Soil Health and Plant Nutrition / Conformity Assessment
Spargelfeldstraße 191, 1220 Vienna
Austria

Please include the sample submission form and information regarding the collection of this sample. You can find this document in the download section of the AGES website. During the process, you will be informed whether any further analytical tests are required and, if so, which ones.

2.4 Order acceptance by AGES GmbH

After reviewing your order, you will receive written confirmation of order acceptance from AGES GmbH – Product Certification Body (ID 0716).

2.5 Payment of the minimum fee

After order acceptance, you will receive the invoice. The minimum fee is due after order acceptance by AGES GmbH.

2.6 Review of the submitted technical documents and samples

The documents you have submitted will now be checked for completeness. Additional documents may be requested from you to carry out the assessment. The product will be tested for compliance with the EU Fertiliser Products Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2019/1009). If further analyses need to be conducted, you will be informed separately.

2.7 Issuance of the EU-type examination certificate Module B

Upon successful completion of the testing and assessment for compliance with the EU Fertiliser Products Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2019/1009), we will send you the certificate and the test report in electronic form, in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2019/1009, detailing all measures carried out.

2.8 Changes to the product

Should any changes be made to the certified product (e.g., a change in composition), you must notify the issuing conformity assessment body of these changes.

2.9 Product certification based on a “Letter of Access”

A manufacturer may be issued a certificate based on a “Letter of Access (LoA)” if that manufacturer repackages an already certified product but places it on the market under its

own name. This applies to cases where the original manufacturer has not provided the applicant for certification with the complete technical documentation, but only a LoA.

As part of the certification application, the client must submit the following documents to the conformity assessment body:

- LoA with a reference to the original certificate
- Declaration of conformity with the original product
- Formal declaration that the client has not altered the product in terms of composition, recommended use, etc.

The certification is linked to the original product and can only be carried out based on a LoA if there are no changes to the product.

3 Technical Documentation

The technical documentation must be submitted in German or English.

As part of the technical documentation to be submitted, only test reports from laboratories accredited according to EN 17025 that are no older than two years will be accepted. The test methods used must correspond to the current state of the art and be suitable for the material.

A laboratory conducting tests for a client must demonstrate, through its accreditation, that it is competent to perform the required tests on the fertiliser matrix. The accreditation must be in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025 and issued by a national accreditation body of the EU under Regulation (EC) No. 765/2008.

If, during the evaluation, it is determined that the test reports do not comply with the requirements, the client must submit a new test report that meets the above criteria.

4 Evaluation report in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2019/1009

After the assessment process the notified body draws up an evaluation report that records the following evaluation and assessment activities:

- technical documentation and, in connection therewith, whether the technical design of the EU fertiliser product is suitable
- Conformity of the samples with the technical documentation provided
- Analysis results of the samples

5 Certificate of EU-type examination in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2019/1009

If a fertiliser product meets all the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009, an EU type examination certificate is issued.

5.1 Validity of the certificate

Unless otherwise explicitly agreed, the EU type certificate is valid for a maximum of five years. The certificate may be restricted or revoked before its expiration if the EU fertiliser product no longer complies with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009. After the five-year period expires, the manufacturer must submit a new application.

5.2 Minimum requirements for the certificate

The EU type examination certificate must contain at least the following information:

- Name and address of the manufacturer

- Name or identification of the assessed product
- Results of the conformity assessment
- Any conditions for validity
- Information required to identify the approved type (PFC designation, CMC designation)
- Identification number of the notified body.

An assessor/decision-maker must approve the certificate.

5.3 Refusal of certification

If not all requirements of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 are met, the issuance of an EU type examination certificate will be refused. The client will be informed, with a detailed explanation for the refusal provided. The client will be requested to take appropriate corrective actions within a 4-week deadline. Subsequently, the corrective actions taken by the client will be evaluated and assessed to determine whether they are sufficient to remedy the identified deficiency.

5.4 Maintenance of Certificates

The notified body keeps abreast of all changes in the generally accepted state of the art to ensure that all assessed products comply with the requirements. This includes, for example, changes to limit values, minimum nutrient contents, and usage recommendations, or adjustments to technical testing standards. The notified body also maintains communication with the competent market surveillance authorities and the other notified bodies. If changes in the generally accepted state of the art indicate that the approved type no longer complies with the requirements of this Regulation, it shall decide whether such changes necessitate further investigations or an amendment to a certificate.

5.5 Changes to the EU Fertiliser Product or Company Data

The manufacturer shall inform the notified body holding the technical documentation for the EU type-examination certificate of any changes to the approved type that may affect the conformity of the EU fertilising product with the requirements of this Regulation or the conditions for the validity of the EU type-examination certificate. Such changes require additional approval in the form of an addendum to the original EU type-examination certificate.

5.6 Restrictions and Suspension of the Certificate

Restrictions or suspensions of certificates are possible if the certified product no longer complies with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009. This is the case, for example, if there are changes to the recognized state of the art or if non-conformities are identified by market surveillance authorities. Non-conformities may include, for example, exceeding pollutant limit values, using unauthorized component materials, or providing incorrect information in the technical documentation. The conformity assessment body decides which measures are necessary to restore conformity and informs the manufacturer, setting a deadline of 4 weeks for implementation. Measures may include, for example, adjusting the labelling or conducting further tests.

Restrictions may include, for example, the adjustment of application instructions if they no longer correspond to the current state of the art.

If a fundamental adjustment is necessary that cannot be implemented within 4 weeks, or if there are safety-related non-conformities, the certificate may be suspended for a limited period until the corrective measures are implemented.

5.7 Withdrawal of the certificate

Withdrawal occurs in the event of serious violations and safety-related and/or repeatedly identified non-conformities, such as:

- misuse of the certificate and/or the CE mark
- repeatedly identified exceedances of limit values
- irregularities identified by market surveillance authorities

The contracting entity will be informed of this circumstance in writing within 48 hours of it becoming known. The reporting obligations pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/1009, Articles 32 and 34, will be complied with. Accordingly, information regarding the withdrawal will in any case be transmitted to the other conformity assessment bodies as well as to the notifying authority.

6 Rights and obligations of the client

The client undertakes not to use the product certification in a manner that brings the certification body into disrepute and not to make any statements regarding its product certification that the certification body deems misleading or unauthorized.

7 Rights and obligations of AGES GmbH – Product Certification Body

The rights and obligations of the certification body are set forth in detail in the letter of engagement.

AGES GmbH – Product Certification Body (ID 0716) undertakes to subject the assignment to a review by the certification body prior to the assessment. The results of the assessment must be documented.

In doing so, it must be ensured that

- the certification requirements have been clearly defined, understood, and documented.
- any differences in interpretation between the certification body and the person placing the order have been resolved.

- the certification body is capable can provide the certification service with regard to the scope of the certification applied for.
- to conduct an assessment in accordance with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009
- issue an evaluation report
- to treat business and trade secrets as confidential (duty of confidentiality)

If changes are made to the certification program that will affect the certificate, customers will be notified immediately by email by the conformity assessment body. In addition, changes will be publicly announced (AGES website)

8 Complaint Management at AGES GmbH

AGES GmbH – Product Certification Body (ID 0716) has a system in place for handling complaints and appeals. Complaints and appeals may be submitted in writing or by telephone.

Further information

Link to the AGES website: https://www.ages.at/pflanze/duengemittel/eu-duengeprodukte-und-konformitaetsbewertung

Link to the legal text of Regulation 2019/1009: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/de/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32019R1009

FAQs related to Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 on fertilising products (the 'Fertilising Products Regulation'): https://ec.europa.eu/docsroom/documents/63434?locale=de

Annex to Guidance document on the labelling of EU fertilising products EN: https://ec.europa.eu/docsroom/documents/44801?locale=de

Guidance document on the labelling of EU fertilising products: https://ec.europa.eu/docsroom/documents/44800?locale=de

If you have any further questions, please contact konformitaet-duengeprodukte@ages.at

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