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#### Introduction

This document has been prepared by the experts of CEN/TC 454 'Algae and algae products'.

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 Article 3 of Directive 2009/28/EC for algae and algae-based products or intermediates.

This request, presented as Mandate M/547¹, also contributes to the Communication on "Innovating for Sustainable Growth: A Bio economy for Europe".

The former working group CEN Technical Board Working Group 218 "Algae", was created in 2016 to develop a work programme as part of this Mandate. The technical committee CEN/TC 454 'Algae and algae products' was established to carry out the work programme that will prepare a series of standards.

The interest in algae and algae-based products or intermediates has increased significantly in Europe as a valuable source including but not limited to, carbohydrates, proteins, lipids, and several pigments. These materials are suitable for use in a wide range of applications from food and feed purposes to other sectors, such as textile, cosmetics, biopolymers, biofuel and fertilizer/biostimulants. Standardization was identified as having an important role in order to promote the use of algae and algae products.

The work of CEN/TC 454 should improve the reliability of the supply chain, thereby improving the confidence of industry and consumers in algae, which include macroalgae, microalgae, cyanobacteria, Labyrinthulomycetes, algae-based products or intermediates and will promote and support commercialisation of the European algae industry.

This document has been developed with the aim to cover the horizontal definitions for algae and algae-based products or intermediates. Hence, other terms and definitions are given in the other standards developed by CEN/TC 454 "Algae and algae products".

For food, feed and non-food, non-feed applications additional definitions may exist in other product specific standards.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Available at <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/mandates/index.cfm?fuseaction=refSearch.search#">http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/mandates/index.cfm?fuseaction=refSearch.search#</a>

# 1 Scope

This document defines the terms related to functions, products, and properties of algae and algae products. In order to better pack the methodologies, algae are regarded as a functional group of organisms consisting of microalgae, macroalgae, cyanobacteria and Labyrinthulomycetes.

### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

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