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CEN/TS 17718:2022 (E)**Introduction**

This document was prepared by the experts of CEN/TC 455 “Plant Biostimulants”. 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 Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 laying down rules on the making available on the market of EU fertilising products (“FPR” or “Fertilising Products Regulation”). This standardization request, presented as M/564, also contributes to the Communication on “Innovating for Sustainable Growth: A Bio economy for Europe”. Working Group 5 “Labelling and denominations” was created to develop a work program as part of this standardization request.

Technical Committee CEN/TC 455 “Plant Biostimulants” was established to carry out the work program that will prepare a series of standards. The interest in biostimulants has increased significantly in Europe as a valuable tool to use in agriculture. Standardization was identified as having an important role in order to promote the use of biostimulants. The work of CEN/TC 455 seeks to improve the reliability of the supply chain, thereby improving the confidence of farmers, industry, and consumers in biostimulants, and will promote and support commercialisation of the European biostimulant industry.

Biostimulants used in agriculture can be applied in multiple ways: on soil, on plants, as seed treatment, etc. A microbial plant biostimulant consists of a microorganism or a consortium of microorganisms, as referred to in Component Material Category 7 of Annex II of the EU Fertilising Products Regulation.

This document is applicable to all biostimulants in agriculture based on live microorganisms belonging to the group Rhizobia.

Table 1 summarizes many of the agro-ecological principles and the role played by biostimulants.

Table 1 — Agro-ecological principles and the role played by biostimulants

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| Increase biodiversity |
| By improving soil microorganism quality/quantity |
| Reinforce biological regulation and interactions |
| By reinforcing plant-microorganism interactions |
| — symbiotic exchanges i.e. <i>Mycorrhizae</i> |
| — symbiotic exchanges i.e. <i>Rhizobiaceae/Fava</i> |
| — secretions mimicking plant hormones (i.e. <i>Trichoderma</i>) |
| By regulating plant physiological processes |
| — e.g. growth, metabolism, plant development |
| Improve biogeochemical cycles |
| — improve absorption of nutritional elements |
| — improve bioavailability of nutritional elements in the soil |
| — stimulate degradation of organic matter |

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IMPORTANT — It is absolutely essential that tests conducted in accordance with this document be carried out by suitably trained staff.

CEN/TS 17718:2022 (E)**1 Scope**

This document provides the methodology for the enumeration and determination of *Rhizobium* sp., *Mesorhizobium* sp., *Ensifer* sp., or *Bradyrhizobium* sp. in plant biostimulant products in accordance with the Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 of the European Parliament and of the Council [1].

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 17702-1, *Plant biostimulants - Sampling and sample preparation - Part 1: Sampling*

CEN/TS 17724, *Plant biostimulants - Terminology*

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