

Plant strengtheners, soil and plant improver – definition and use in Germany

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Plant strengtheners

Substances and mixtures including microorganisms which

- are exclusively intended to maintain plant health in general as long as they are not plant protection products according to Article 2 (1) of Regulation (EC-European Commission) No 1107/2009 or
- are intended to protect plants against non-parasitic impairments. for example, products for reducing water evaporation or anti-freezing agents.

Plant strengtheners

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- 348 plant strengtheners are marketable;
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Soil and plant improvers

Products whose priority lies in providing plants with nutrients and trace elements and promoting growth. These product groups are subject to the Act on Fertilisers.

soil improvers: Substances without significant nutrient content and micro-organisms that are intended

- a) to influence the biological, chemical or physical properties of the soil in order to improve the growth conditions for crops or
- b) to promote the symbiotic fixation of nitrogen

plant growth improvers : Substances without significant nutrient content and micro-organisms that are intended to influence plants biologically or chemically to achieve a plant cultivation, production-related benefits