



# 1. Conformity assessment under the Fertilising Products Regulation

Info-session: EU fertilising products  
How to CE-mark your products?

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**DG GROW-F2 – Bioeconomy, chemicals and cosmetics**

# What is Conformity assessment?



## Conformity assessment is

- \* a process carried out by the manufacturer*
- \* to demonstrate whether specific requirements related to a fertilising product in FPR have been fulfilled*



# Who is involved in conformity assessment?



## The main actors are:



FPR sets:

- 1) **The essential requirements** for EU fertilising product
- 2) **The procedure** to be followed for conformity assessment – the Modules



**The manufacturer** follows the conformity assessment procedure before placing a product on the market

**Notified bodies** are involved in some conformity assessment procedures



# What procedures apply?



The modules are set depending on the component material category (CMC) or the product function category (PFC) of the EU fertilising product

NO NOTIFIED BODY	NEED NOTIFIED BODY		
<b>MODULE A</b>	<b>MODULE A1</b>	<b>MODULES B+C</b>	<b>MODULE D1</b>
<b>PFC 1(*) – 4</b> , if composed exclusively of one or more of CMC 1 (excl. inhibitors), CMC 4, 6, 7, 8 and/or 11 <b>PFC 7 (**)</b>	<b>PFC 1(C)(I)(a)(i-ii)(A)</b> (ammonium nitrate fertiliser of high nitrogen content) and <b>PFC 7</b> with 28% or more of nitrogen from such a fertiliser	<b>PFC 1 (*) – 6</b> , if composed exclusively of one or more of CMC 1 (incl. inhibitors), CMC 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and/or 11 <b>PFC 7 (**)</b>	<b>PFC 1(*) – 6</b> , if composed of one or more of CMC 1 (incl. inhibitors), CMC 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and/or 15 <b>PFC 7 (**)</b>

(\*) except PFC 1(C)(I)(a)(i-ii)(A) (ammonium nitrate fertiliser of high nitrogen content), for which Module A1 is mandatory.

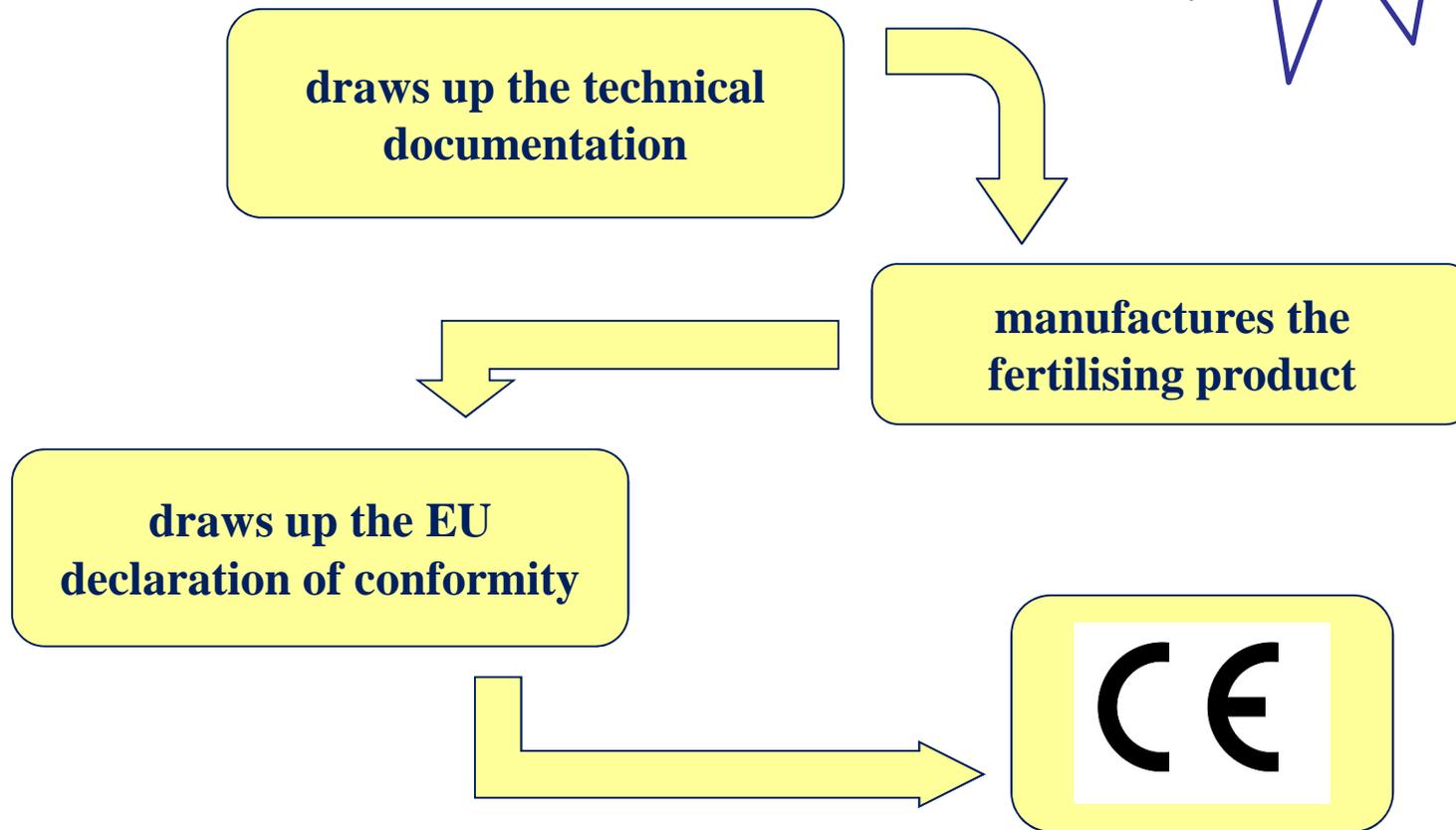
(\*\*) except PFC 7 with 28% or more of nitrogen from a fertiliser belonging to PFC 1(C)(I)(a)(i-ii)(A) (ammonium nitrate fertiliser of high nitrogen content), for which Module A1 is mandatory.



# What module A means?



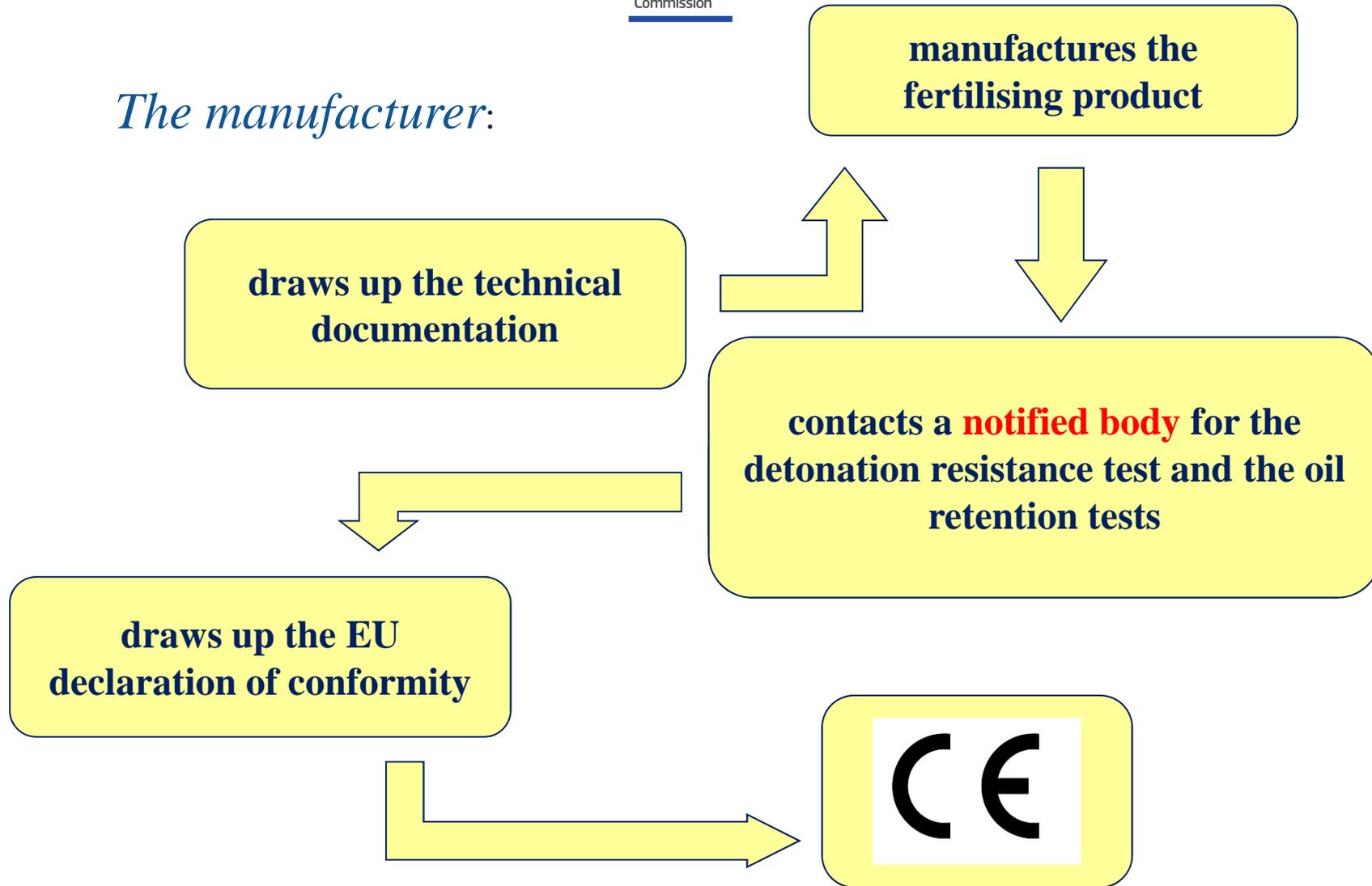
*The manufacturer:*



# What module A1 means ?



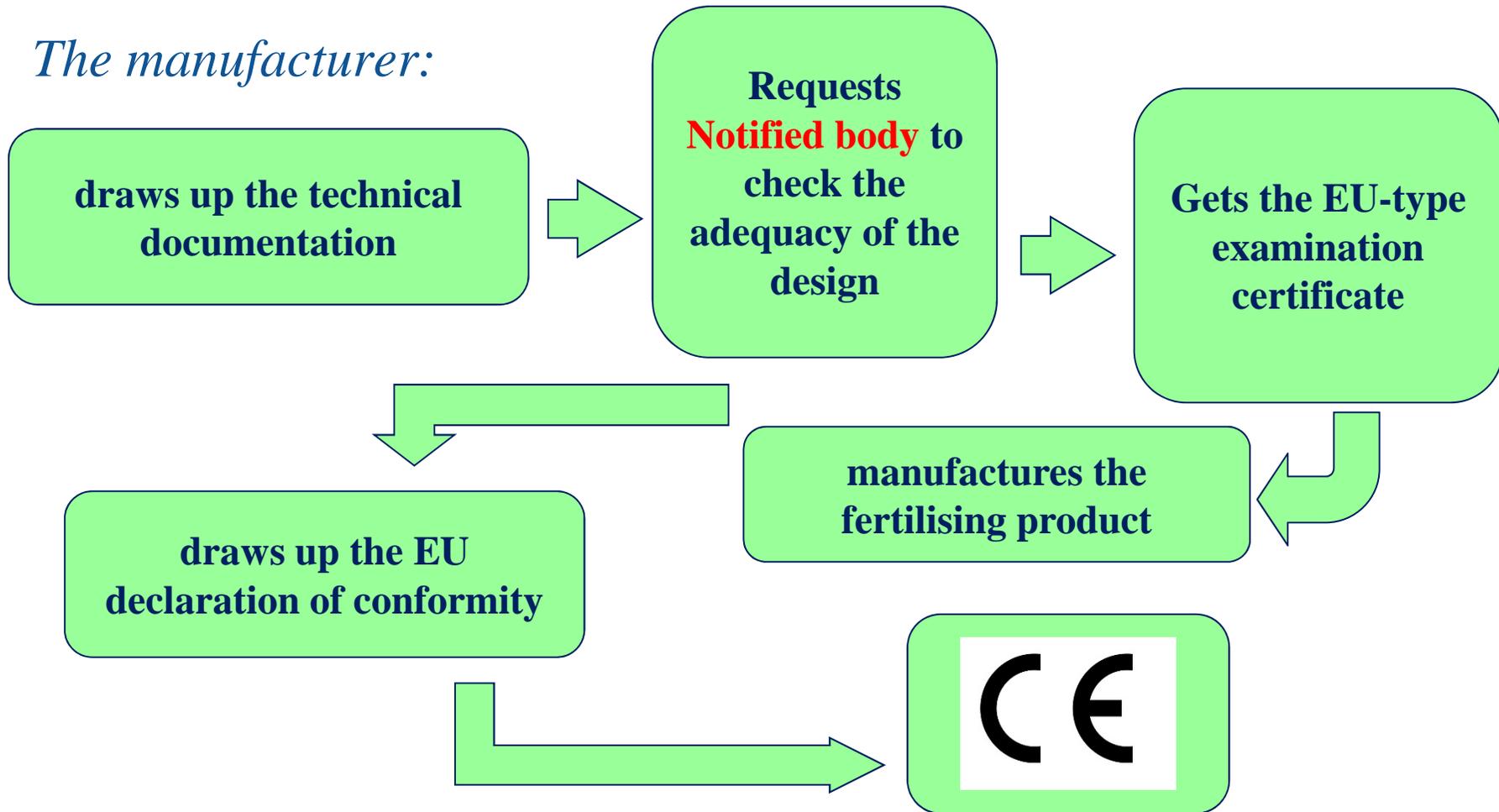
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# What means module B+C?



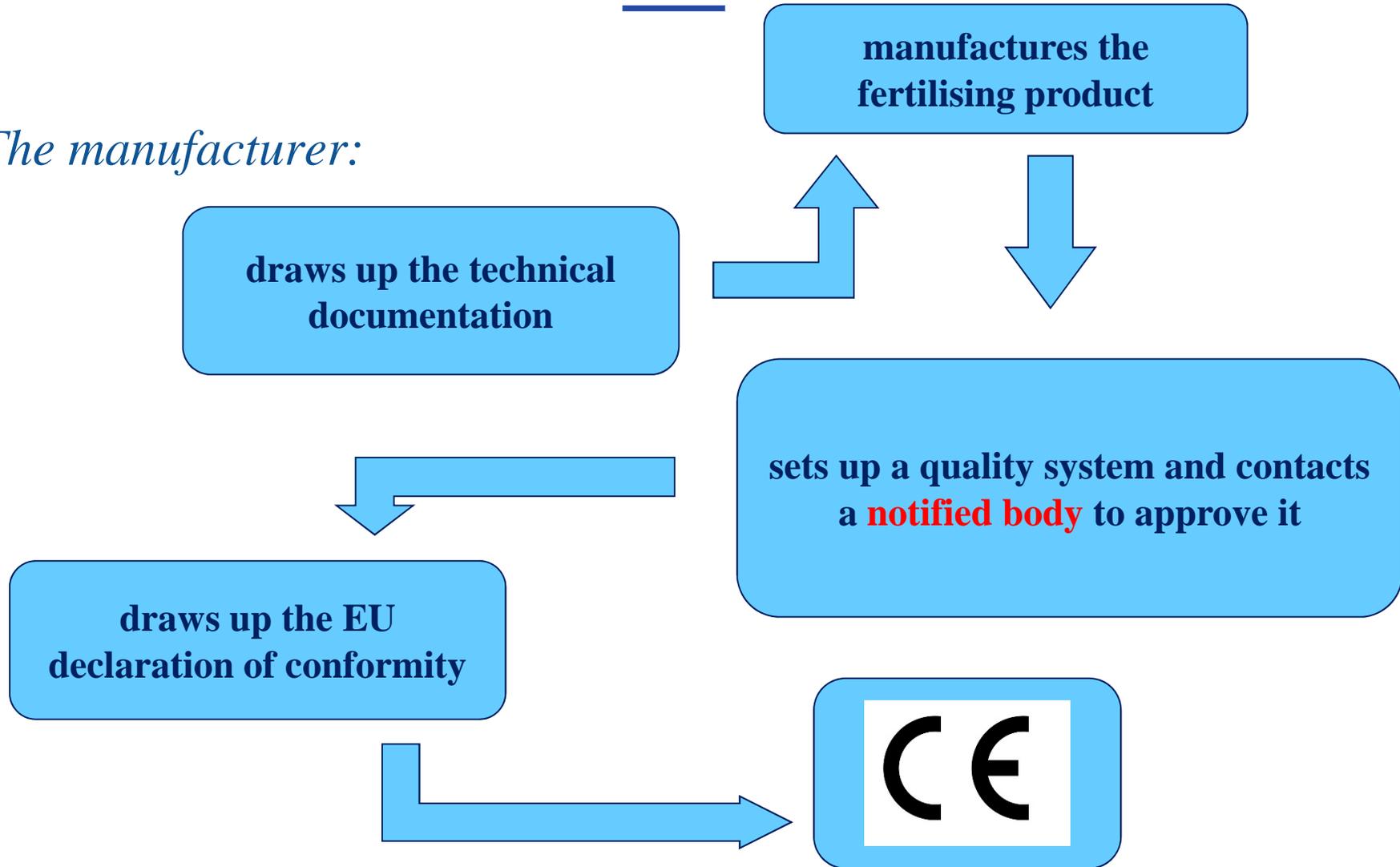
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# What module D1 means?



*The manufacturer:*



# Do we need standards for the conformity assessment?



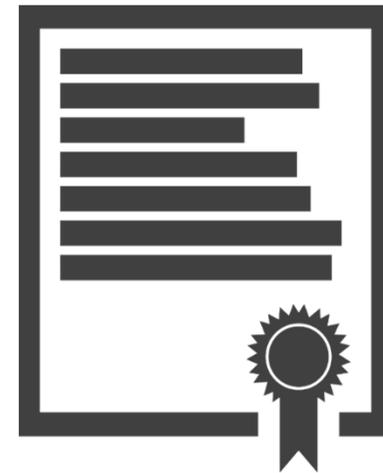
**Yes and no.**

Harmonised standards the references of which have been published in the Official Journal of the EU create a

**PRESUMPTION OF CONFORMITY.**

They create a level playing field for manufacturers.

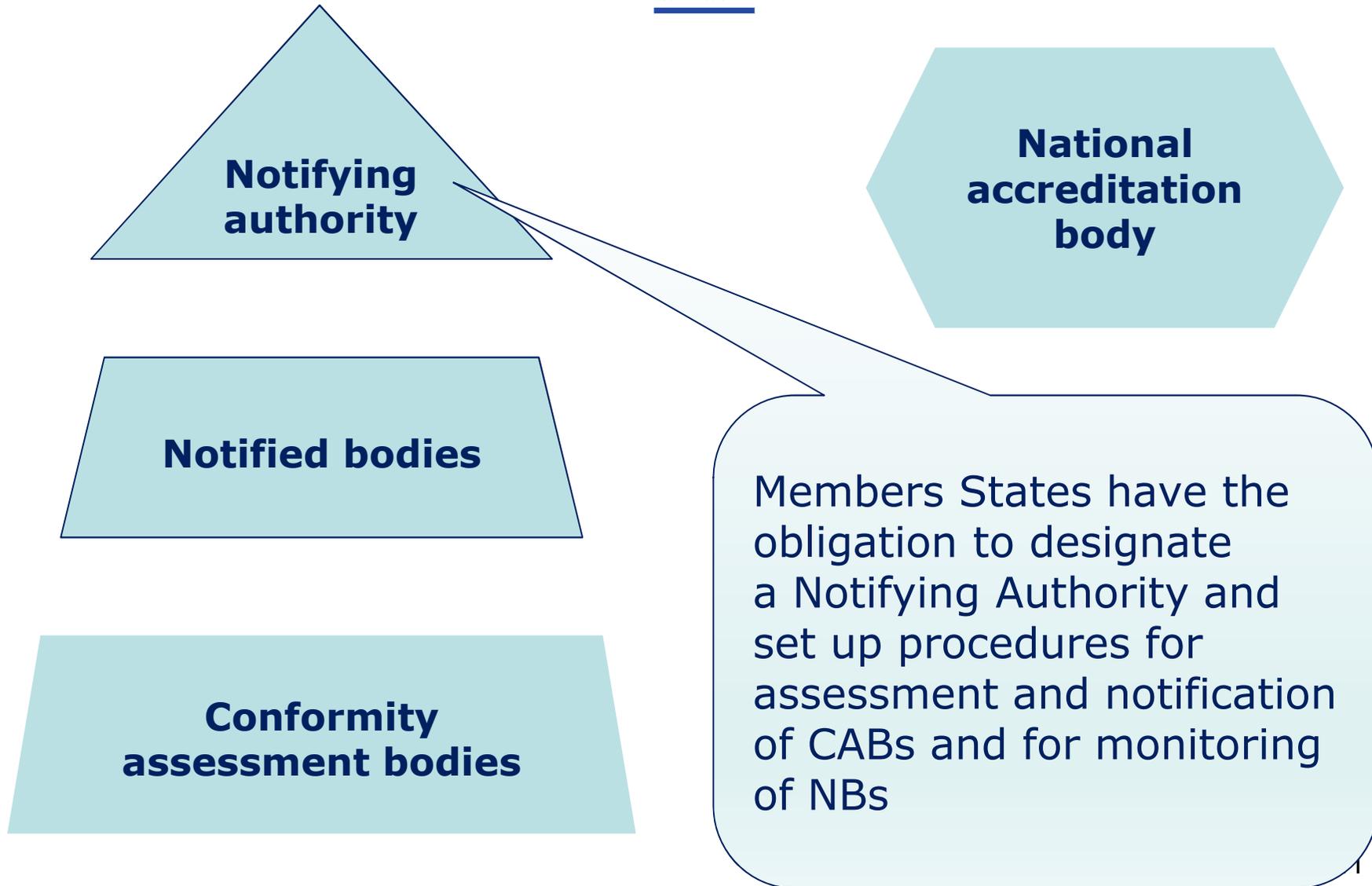
But they **are not mandatory.**



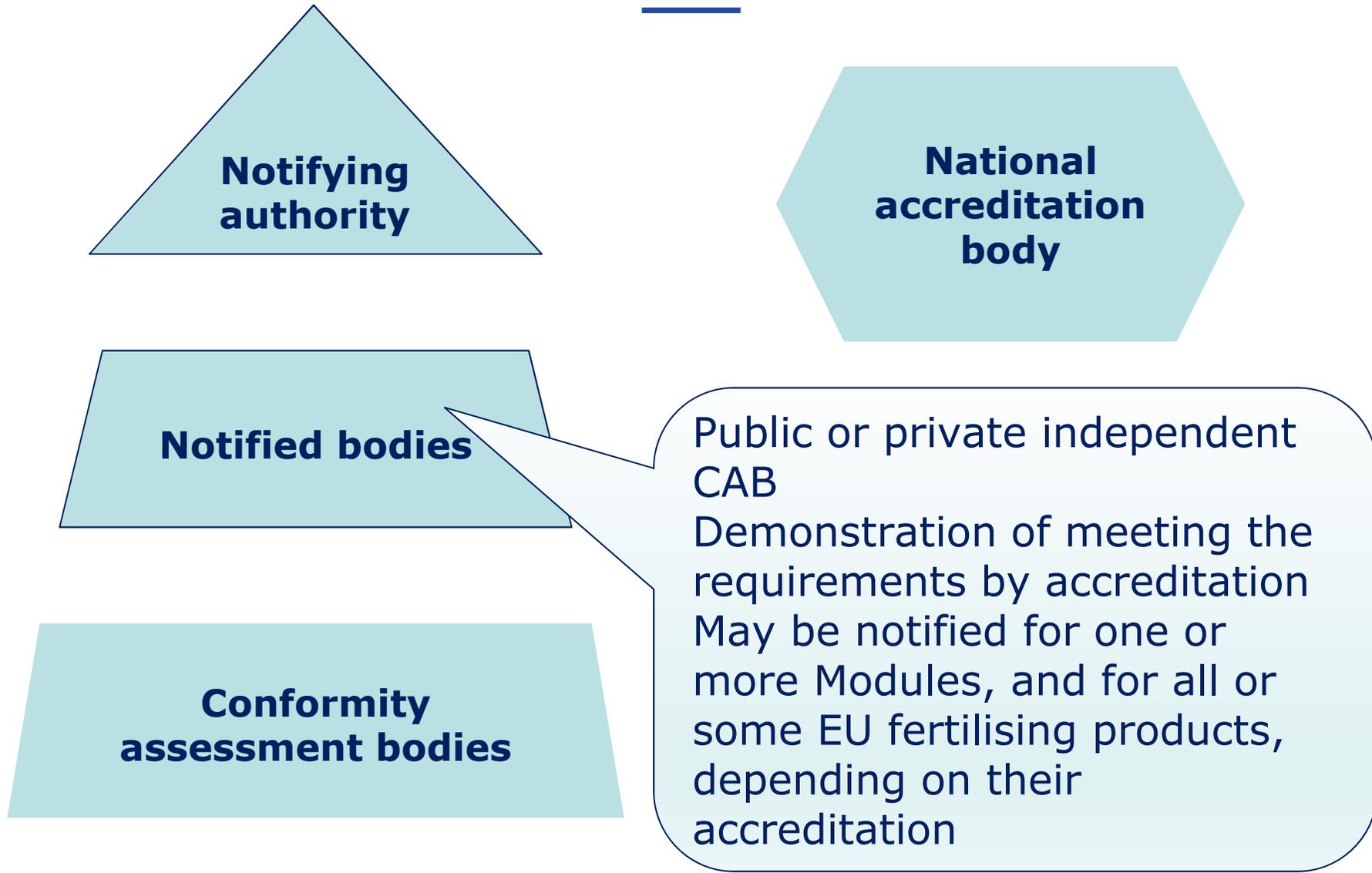
## Technical Documentation (manufacturer's responsibility)

- product's description, claimed function, intended use
  - description of product's manufacturing process
  - list of product's component materials, their origin/manufacturing process
  - harmonised standards' list (or other specifications)
  - specimen of label/leaflet
  - tests' reports from product's checks and calculations made
  - documentation proving materials' status (by-products) or proving that materials have reached end-point in manufacturing chain (derived ABPs)
  - for blends: EU declarations of conformity of component products
- common

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# The European Commission

- Makes publicly available information on Notified Bodies via **NANDO**



**Nando (New Approach Notified and Designated Organisations) Information System**

[https://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/nando/index.cfm?fuseaction=directive.notifiedbody&dir\\_id=159361](https://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/nando/index.cfm?fuseaction=directive.notifiedbody&dir_id=159361)

- Organizes the exchange of experience between notified bodies



**Cooperation Group of Notified Bodies for EU fertilising products**  
(FORUM of NBs)



# Guidance Document on the elaboration of the technical documentation for EU fertilising products

Externalised study

Targeted consultation foreseen to collect technical information

The ex-ante publicity of this call may be found at [https://ec.europa.eu/growth/low-value-contracts-procedures\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/growth/low-value-contracts-procedures_en).

[GROW/2022/MVP/0014-ExA- Technical study in support of a guidance document for the elaboration of the technical documentation of EU fertilising product](#)

The deadline for submitting interest at [GROW-FERTILISING-PRODUCTS@ec.europa.eu](mailto:GROW-FERTILISING-PRODUCTS@ec.europa.eu) is 30 May 2022.

# Thank you for your attention

