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Agricultural irrigation equipment - Guidelines on the implementation of pressurized irrigation systems - Part 3: Sprinkler irrigation

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