

statement under oath, specifying the composition of the substance, and the kind of micro-organisms contained therein which promotes the growth of higher plants, and they shall pay to the University of Maryland a permit and registration fee of \$10.00 per brand. The University of Maryland shall have power to refuse or cancel such permit whenever any culture or micro-organisms or any other material used for promoting the growth of plants is sold under false or misleading claims.

1931, ch. 540, sec. 3.

3. Every importer, manufacturer, manipulator, dealer or agent before selling, offering or exposing for sale, within the State of Maryland any fertilizer shall pay to the University of Maryland a fee of \$10.00 per brand for each brand registered under Section 2 of this Article, and on or before December 31st of each year shall file with the university a statement, made under oath in due form of law, giving the total number of tons of fertilizer sold during that calendar year in the State of Maryland, and shall pay thereon an inspection tax of ten cents per ton; provided, however, goods sold in bulk to manufacturers, manipulators or mixers for resale shall not be subject to the said tax of ten cents per ton; provided, further, that where the tonnage tax paid in any one calendar year is in excess of the brand tax of \$10.00 above provided the said brand tax shall be rebated; and provided further, that when any manufacturer, dealer or importer has paid the required inspection fee no other person selling the same goods under his name and brand shall be required to pay such fee.

1931, ch. 540, sec. 4.

4. Every bag, barrel or package of fertilizer must bear plainly and conspicuously on the outside of same, and every parcel or lot sold in bulk must be accompanied by a clear and true statement in legible print, in the order herein stated, the following:

- 1. The net weight of the contents of the package or lot in pounds;
- 2. Brand name or trade-mark;
- 3. Grade (as 2-10-2), namely, 2% of nitrogen, 10% phosphoric acid, and 2% potash.
- 4. Guaranteed analysis in percentages;
 - Total nitrogen;
 - Available phosphoric acid (P_2O_5);
 - Water soluble potash (K_2O);
 - Name and address of manufacturer.

In the case of unacidulated bone, tankage, fish or other animal or vegetable matter, used as fertilizer, it shall be lawful to guarantee the phosphoric acid as total phosphoric acid; provided, however, that in the statement of the guaranteed analysis the minimum percentage only of the valuable constituents shall be given. It shall be unlawful to brand as pure bone any mixture in which any part of the phosphoric acid is from sources other than bone.