

(m) *Per Cent.* The term "per cent" or "percentage" means percentage by weight.

(n) *Registrant.* The term "registrant" means the person who registers commercial fertilizer under the provisions of this subtitle.

(o) *Guaranteed Analysis.* The term "guaranteed analysis" means the minimum percentage of plant nutrient claimed as follows:

(1) Total nitrogen (N); available phosphoric acid (P₂O₅); soluble potash (K₂O).

(2) For unacidulated mineral phosphatic materials and basic slag, both total and available phosphoric acid and the degree of fineness. For bone, tankage, and other organic phosphatic materials, total phosphoric acid.

(3) Additional plant nutrients, when claimed, must be expressed in elemental form.

(4) Potential basicity or acidity may be expressed in terms of calcium carbonate equivalent in multiples of one hundred pounds per ton.

(p) *Label.* The term "label" means a display of written, printed or graphic matter upon or affixed to the container in which a commercial fertilizer is distributed, or on the invoice or delivery slip with which a commercial fertilizer or custom-mix fertilizer is distributed.

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Registration.

(a) *Commercial Fertilizer to be Registered; Application for Registration; Copy to be Furnished.* Each brand and grade of commercial fertilizer shall be registered before being distributed in this State. The application for registration shall be submitted on forms furnished by the State Chemist, and if the State Chemist so requests, shall also be accompanied by a label or other printed matter describing the product. Upon approval by the State Chemist a copy of the registration shall be furnished to the applicant.

(b) A distributor shall not be required to register any brand and grade of commercial fertilizer which is already registered under this subtitle by another person.

(c) A distributor shall not be required to register a commercial fertilizer mixed or blended according to a formula furnished by a consumer; but shall be required to label such fertilizer in the order and form provided in Section 475 (c) of this subtitle. Any fertilizer mixed in advance of receipt of the customer's specific order shall be registered.

(d) The plant nutrient content of each and every commercial fertilizer must remain uniform for the period of registration; and, in no case, even at a subsequent registration, shall the percentage of any guaranteed plant nutrient element be changed in such a manner that the crop-producing quality of the commercial fertilizer is lowered.