

480.

*Detained Commercial Fertilizers.*

(a) *“Withdrawal from Sale” Orders.* When the State Chemist or his authorized agent finds any lot of commercial fertilizer is being distributed in violation of any of the provisions of this Act or any of the prescribed regulations under this subtitle, he may issue and enforce a written or printed “Withdrawal from Sale” order warning the distributor not to dispose of the lot of fertilizer in any manner until written permission is given by the State Chemist or the court. The State Chemist shall release the lot of commercial fertilizer so withdrawn when the provisions and regulations have been complied with and all costs and expenses incurred in the withdrawal have been paid by the distributor. If compliance is not obtained within 30 days, the State Chemist may begin or upon request shall begin proceedings for condemnation.

(b) *Condemnation and Confiscation.* Any lot of commercial fertilizer not in compliance with the provisions of this subtitle or regulations shall be subject to seizure on complaint of the State Chemist to a court of competent jurisdiction in the area in which said commercial fertilizer is located. In the event the court finds the said commercial fertilizer to be in violation of the provisions of this subtitle and orders the condemnation of said commercial fertilizer, it shall be disposed of in any manner consistent with the quality of the commercial fertilizer and the laws of the State; provided, that in no instance shall the disposition of said fertilizer be ordered by the court without first giving the claimant an opportunity to apply to the court for release of said commercial fertilizer or for permission to process or re-label said commercial fertilizer to bring it into compliance with the provisions of this subtitle.

481.

*Short Weight.*

If any commercial fertilizer in the possession of the consumer is found by the State Chemist to be short in weight, the registrant of said commercial fertilizer shall within thirty days after official notice from the State Chemist pay to the consumer a penalty equal to two times the value of the actual shortage.

482.

*Cancellation and Refusal of Registrations.*

The State Chemist is authorized and empowered to cancel the registration of any brand of commercial fertilizer or to refuse to register any brand of commercial fertilizer as herein provided, upon satisfactory evidence that the registrant has used fraudulent or deceptive practices in the evasions or attempted evasions of the provisions of this Act or any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder: Provided, that no registration shall be revoked or refused until the registrant shall have been given the opportunity to appear for a hearing by the State Chemist.

483.

*Penalties.*

(a) Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of