

container or a statement accompanying a commercial fertilizer or soil conditioner.

(q) *Soil conditioner.*—The term “soil conditioner” means any substance or mixture of substances intended for sale, offered for sale or sold for manurial, soil enriching or soil corrective purposes or intended to be used for promoting or stimulating the growth of plants, increasing the productivity of plants, improving the quality of crops, or producing any chemical or physical change in the soil, except commercial fertilizer as defined in this act, unmanipulated animal and vegetable manures, agricultural liming material and gypsum. The term shall include but not be limited to such materials as peat, chemical penetrants, and mulch type products.

(r) *Labeling.*—The term “labeling” means all written, printed or graphic matter on or accompanying any commercial fertilizer or soil conditioner, or the contents of any advertisements, brochures, posters or television or radio announcements used in promoting the sale of such commercial fertilizer or soil conditioner.

(s) *Lot.*—The term “lot” means a definite quantity of commercial fertilizer or soil conditioner, identified by name, grade or code designation as certified by the State Chemist or his agent.

474. Registration.

(a) *Commercial fertilizer to be registered; application for registration, copy to be furnished.*—Each brand and grade of commercial fertilizer and brand of soil conditioner 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) *Fertilizer which has previously been registered by another person.*—A distributor shall not be required to register any brand and grade of commercial fertilizer or brand of soil conditioner which is already registered under this subtitle by another person.

(c) *Mixed-to-order fertilizer.*—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) *Change in plant nutrient content.*—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.

475. Labeling.

(a) Each brand and grade of commercial fertilizer distributed in this State shall be accompanied by a legible label bearing the following information: