

and the fifteen cents per ton inspection fee, an annual registration fee of twenty-five (25) dollars for each brand and grade distributed.

(I) Where a person distributes commercial fertilizer or soil conditioner in packages of ten (10) pounds or less and in packages over ten (10) pounds, the annual registration fee of twenty-five (25) dollars shall apply only to that portion distributed in packages of ten (10) pounds or less, and that portion distributed in packages over ten (10) pounds shall be subject to the inspection fee of fifteen (15) cents per ton as provided in this subtitle.

(b) *Fund for payment of expenses of administration.*—Registration and inspection fees and penalties shall constitute a fund for payment of the cost of inspection, sampling, analysis, and other expenses necessary for the administration of this subtitle.

(c) *Reports and records; failure to make accurate statement or pay fee.*—Every person who distributes commercial fertilizer or soil conditioner in this State shall:

(1) Furnish the State Chemist with a semi-annual written statement of the tonnage of each grade of commercial fertilizer or brand of soil conditioner sold by him to distributees in the State. This statement shall include all sales for the periods of January 1 to and including June 30 and of July 1 to and including December 31 each year. No information furnished under this section shall be disclosed in such a way as to divulge the operation of any person. When more than one person is involved in the distribution of [a commercial fertilizer] these materials, the person who distributed to the consumer is responsible for reporting the tonnage and payment of the inspection fee unless the report and payment have been made by a prior distributor of the [fertilizer] product.

(2) If the tonnage report is not filed and the payment of inspection fee is not made within 30 days after the end of the semi-annual period, a collection fee amounting to 10 percent (minimum \$10.00) of the amount shall be assessed against the registrant, and the amount of fees due shall constitute a debt and become the basis of a judgment against the registrant.

[(2)] (3) Keep such records as may be necessary or required by the State Chemist to indicate accurately the tonnage of commercial fertilizer distributed in this State, and the State Chemist or his agent shall have the right to examine such records to verify statements of tonnage.

[(3) Failure to make an accurate statement of tonnage or to pay the inspection fee within 30 days from date of the close of each period or comply as provided herein shall constitute sufficient cause for the cancellation of all registration on file for the distributor.]

(d) Report of sales and distribution to nonregistrant.—Each registrant distributing or selling commercial fertilizer to a non-registrant will:

Mail to the State Chemist within 10 days (excluding legal holidays and Sundays) after the last day of each calendar month a statement showing, for that month, the following information: The total amount (tons of commercial fertilizer distributed by grades and analyses and the counties to which distributed, and the form in which the commercial fertilizer was shipped (bags, bulk, liquid, etc.);