

powers and duties to regulate commercial fertilizer and soil conditioners.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture

Section 6-201, 6-206, 6-207, 6-208, 6-209(a) and (b), 6-211, 6-214, and 6-219

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1985 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Agriculture

6-201.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(B) A COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER IS "ADULTERATED" IF:

(1) ANY POISONOUS, DELETERIOUS, OR NONNUTRITIVE INGREDIENT IS ADDED IN SUFFICIENT AMOUNT TO RENDER IT INJURIOUS TO THE HEALTH OF PLANTS, HUMANS, OR ANIMAL LIFE OR INJURIOUS TO THE ENVIRONMENT;

(2) A VALUABLE CONSTITUENT IS OMITTED OR ABSTRACTED WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY FROM IT OR ANY LESS VALUABLE SUBSTANCE IS SUBSTITUTED FOR IT; OR

(3) ITS COMPOSITION OR QUALITY FALLS BELOW OR DIFFERS FROM THAT WHICH IT IS PURPORTED OR IS REPRESENTED TO CONTAIN BY ITS LABELING.

[(b)] (C) "Brand" means the term, design, trademark, or other specific designation under which a commercial fertilizer or soil conditioner is distributed in the State.

[(c)] (D) "Buyer's mixture" means commercial fertilizer mixed on specific request of a purchaser according to a formula furnished by him.

[(d)] (E) "Bulk fertilizer" means any commercial fertilizer distributed in a nonpackaged form.

[(e)] (F) "Commercial fertilizer" means any substance containing a recognized plant nutrient used for its plant nutrient content and designed for use or claimed to have value in promoting plant growth, except unmanipulated animal and vegetable manure, marl, lime, wood ashes, and gypsum.