

[(r)] †(S) "Official sample" means any sample of fertilizer or soil conditioner taken and designated as "official" by the Secretary.

[(s)] †(T) "Percent" or "percentage" means percentage by weight.

†(U) "REGISTRANT" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO REGISTERS A COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER OR SOIL CONDITIONER PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

[(t)] †(V) "Specialty fertilizer" means a commercial fertilizer distributed primarily for nonfarm use, such as home gardens, lawns, shrubbery, flowers, golf courses, municipal parks, cemeteries, greenhouses, and nurseries, and may include commercial fertilizers used for any research or experimental purpose.

[(u)] †(W) "Soil conditioner" means any substance or mixture of substances intended † for sale, offered for sale, or sold for: (1) manurial, soil enriching, or soil corrective purposes; (2) ~~to-be-used-for~~ promoting or stimulating the growth of plants; (3) increasing the productivity of plants; (4) improving the quality of crops; or (5) producing any chemical or physical change in the soil, except a commercial fertilizer, unmanipulated animal and vegetable manures, agricultural liming material, and gypsum. It includes but is not limited to materials such as peat, ~~chemical--penetrants,--and--mulch--type--products~~ VERMICULITE, OR PERLITE, THAT ARE INCORPORATED INTO THE SOIL.

[(v)] †(X) "Ton" means a net weight of two thousand pounds avoirdupois.

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(a) The Secretary shall sample, inspect, test, and make analyses of any commercial fertilizer and soil conditioner distributed in the State at any time and place and to an extent the Secretary considers necessary to assure compliance with the provisions of this subtitle.

(b) The Secretary shall adopt the methods of sampling and analysis from sources, such as the journal of the Association of Official Analytical Chemists, or methods that insure representative sampling and accurate examination.

(c) In determining for administrative purposes whether a commercial fertilizer or soil conditioner is deficient in any component, the Secretary shall be guided solely by the official sample obtained and analyzed as provided by this subtitle.

(d) [When inspection and analysis of an official sample indicates a commercial fertilizer or soil conditioner is found