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FERTILIZER INDUSTRY MEMORANDUM NO. 5-5

POLICY ON LABELING FERTILIZER MIXED WITH SEED OR OTHER ADDITIVES

Objective:

This policy clarifies the means of labeling fertilizer mixed with seed or other additives with respect to the final grade and guaranteed analysis of the final blend.

Policy:

Fertilizer-seed mixtures are recognized specifically as customer-formula fertilizer, as such is defined in §63.001(5) of the Texas Commercial Fertilizer Control Act.

The labeling of customer-formula fertilizer is prescribed in §63.053 of the Act and must show:

- (1) The name and address of the purchaser;
- (2) The date of sale;
- (3) The grade of the mixture;
- (4) The guaranteed analysis of the plant nutrients and other additives;
- (5) The net weight of the fertilizer; and
- (6) The name and address of the registrant.

Seed or other additives blend down the grade and guaranteed analysis of the specific fertilizer into which it is added. Thus, a grade and guaranteed analysis that is representative of the total fertilizer-seed mixture, not merely the fertilizer itself, must appear on the label. The required labeling may appear on or as part of the invoice or transportation documents supplied to the consumer. The number of pounds each of fertilizer and seed may be listed as additional information.

For inspection fee purposes, the total tonnage of the fertilizer mixed with seed or other additives must be reported to this office, unless the seed or other additive is supplied by the consumer, in which case that amount may be deducted (§63.071(f)).

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