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FERTILIZER INDUSTRY MEMORANDUM NO. 5-10

GRADE STATEMENT POLICY

OBJECTIVE:

To provide clarification on how the fertilizer grade statements will be regulated by The Office of the Texas State Chemist.

BACKGROUND:

The deviation from the standard definition of a Grade Statement has made it necessary to clarify what the requirements are when labeling a fertilizer product. This deviation typically includes an extension of the grade in the form of %Sulfur, Calcium, Magnesium, or other elements or beneficial substances. In order to provide consistency amongst the states, a consensus was reached by state regulators to enforce existing laws, rules, and policies relating to grade statements including the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials (AAPFCO) Statement of Uniform Interpretation and Policy (SUIP) #1.

POLICY:

The Office of the Texas State Chemist will use the Texas Commercial Fertilizer Control Act (§63.001 Definitions, §63.004 Rules; Standards, §63.021 Grade Statements, §63.051 Labeling of Commercial Fertilizer), AAPFCO (SUIP#1) and OTSC Policy (Fertilizer Industry Memorandum No. 2-1) as guidelines for grade statement requirements.



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