

## DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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To: Fertilizing Materials Licensees

It has come to our attention that many chelated agricultural mineral products contain considerable amounts of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. The majority of the labels for chelated agricultural mineral products do not contain guarantees for these nutrients.

Section 2303 of the California Code of Regulations entitled "Labeling Requirements", requires that percentages of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium be guaranteed if present in the product.

This issue was brought before the Fertilizer Inspection Advisory Board on April 21, 1994, and the Board agreed these nutrients must be guaranteed on the product labels.

At the Board's request, we are notifying all Fertilizing Materials Licensees that all products containing nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium must contain guarantees for these nutrients. Product labels must be revised at the next printing or within twenty-four months, whichever occurs first.

Violations will be given to companies that do not comply with this Notice twenty-four months from this date.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Hensley, Monday through Thursday at (916) 647-8912.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven D. Wong".

Steven D. Wong, Branch Chief  
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