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**Notice to Fertilizing Material Licensees:
Pro-Rated, Transitional Product Registration
& Four-Year Product Registration Cycle - Groups 1 & 4**

Dear Fertilizing Material Licensee:

On August 26, 2024, Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 1522, Chapter 208, Statutes of 2024 into law. In part, this bill accommodated the distribution of fertilizing materials by extending the product registration period from two years to four years – Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) sections 14601 and 14603.

On January 1, 2025, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) implemented this four-year registration cycle which is intended to improve efficiencies and reduce inconvenience to registrants. CDFA recently finalized rulemaking to clarify these laws and make them specific within regulation (https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/is/docs/6_Adopted_Text.pdf).

The modified product registration schedule is designed to aid the fertilizer industry by reducing the duration of time required to complete the product registration process while maintaining the same “per year” cost of product registration. The four-year cycle will affect product registration renewals and new product registrations.

Fertilizer firms in Group 4 (*as indicated within the table at the end of this notice*) will proceed with a four-year registration renewal cycle beginning on January 1, 2026.

Also beginning January 1, 2026, fertilizer firms in Group 1 will initiate a one-year transitional registration period with pro-rated fees as the modified long-term four-year registration cycle is adopted. (*Please refer to the table at the end of this notice.*)

For product registration renewal applications in Group 1, if there are no changes to the previously approved label (for conventional fertilizers) or no changes to previously approved label, product formula / ingredient suppliers, and manufacturing processes (for organic input materials), the one-year registration renewals will be treated as a registration “extension” and no additional submission of documentation is required. If there are changes as identified above, additional documentation and review may be required for registration renewal. Payment of the pro-rated registration renewal fees of \$25 for conventional fertilizing materials and \$250 for organic input materials are required for Group 1 registration renewals.

For fertilizer licensees in Group 2 with a product registration renewal date in the future, CDFA will issue an updated Notices to Industry as those renewal dates approach. Fertilizer firms in Group 3 proceeded as normal with registration renewal beginning on January 1, 2025. The four-year cycle immediately applied to that group.



The program projects that these changes will improve overall efficiency of the registration process. It is anticipated that these modifications will result in improved product registration review turnaround times, which may shorten the time to bring new fertilizing material products to market and minimize market disruption for any product undergoing registration renewal.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at fertilizer@cdfa.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Modified Product Registration Cycle for Groups 1 & 4

(Other registration groups will be addressed in an updated Notice to Industry as those renewal dates approach.)

Firm Names	Group Number	Product Registration Cycle	
		<u>Transition Period</u>	<u>Long-Term</u>
<i>(that start with the following letters)</i> R - Z	1	Twelve (12) Months: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 Prorated Renewal Fees: Conventional - \$25 OIM - \$250	Start of Four-Year Cycle: January 1, 2027 Renewal Fees: Conventional - \$100 OIM - \$1,000
J - Q	4	Six (6) Months: July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 Prorated Renewal Fees: Conventional - \$12.50 OIM - \$125	Start of Four-Year Cycle: January 1, 2026 Renewal Fees: Conventional - \$100 OIM - \$1,000

The fees for new product registrations for the four-year cycle will be \$200 for conventional fertilizing materials and \$1,000 for Organic Input Materials. These fees are cost-neutral compared to the previous two-year schedule and represent the same “per year” cost as the previous cycle.