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NOTICE TO FERTILIZER LICENSEES

SUBJECT: LABELING OF GYPSUM PRODUCTS

We have observed that some licensees are improperly labeling gypsum products. The labeling requirements for gypsum pursuant to Section 2303(i)(4) of the California Code of Regulations are as follows:

GYPSUM

Calcium Sulfate Dihydrate (CaSO₄ 2H₂O)X%
Calcium (Ca)X%
Sulfur (S)X%

Derived from mined gypsum.

The following example is the requirement for labeling gypsum equivalent products pursuant to Section 2312, Gypsum Equivalent. This regulation was adopted to provide labeling for products that contain, singly or in combination, hydrated calcium sulfate, anhydride calcium sulfate, hydrated calcium sulfite and /or anhydride calcium sulfite.

(NAME OF PRODUCT)

Gypsum EquivalentX%
Calcium (Ca).....X%
Sulfur (S)X%

Derived from (list appropriate sources from the following: hydrated calcium sulfate, anhydride calcium sulfate, hydrated calcium sulfite and/or anhydride calcium sulfite).

This notice is to provide you with an opportunity to review your labels and determine if they are in compliance with the above law and regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact us at (916) 445-0444.

Sincerely,

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