



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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Notice to Fertilizing Material Licensees Heavy Metal Analysis for Fertilizing Materials

Dear Fertilizing Materials Licensee:

Revisions to the requirements for providing heavy metals analysis for fertilizing materials became effective on July 1, 2020. The new requirements from Section 2303 of the California Code of Regulations are summarized below:

- The program will continue to require lab analysis for new and renewal products to be current within five (5) years at the time of renewal or registration submission.
- Lab analysis results must be submitted for all products where the label refers to the AAPFCO metals website or another link to the California website for heavy metals.
- Beginning on January 1, 2021, all analyses must include all nine (9) metals: Arsenic, Cadmium, Cobalt, Copper, Lead, Mercury, Molybdenum, Nickel, and Selenium.

The existing limits on maximum metal concentrations have not changed.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (916) 900-5022 or at fertilizer@cdfa.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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