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Notice to Fertilizing Material Licensees: Provisional Registration Renewal of Fertilizing Materials

Dear Fertilizing Material Licensee:

This notice is intended to clarify existing law regarding provisional registration renewal of fertilizing materials. Provisional registration renewal allows for uninterrupted product distribution while a label undergoes complete registration review.

Expired product labels that are renewed with payment within 30 days after expiration, and that do not require substantive label changes or any formula updates, will be granted provisional registration for up to six months while the program completes registration review.

If a product label is not renewed with payment within the initial 30 days after expiration, the product will not be granted provisional registration status and won't be permitted in the California channels of trade until full registration is approved.

According to the California Code of Regulations, Title 3, Section 2320.1, each product label registration shall be valid for a two-year period based on the beginning of the designated group registration cycle. Registrations are divided into four groups, based on the first letter or number of the firm name. Group 1's registration shall be renewed on January 1 of even numbered years; group 2's registration shall be renewed on July 1 of even numbered years; group 3's registration shall be renewed on January 1 of odd numbered years; and group 4's registration shall be renewed on July 1 of odd numbered years. The chart below displays what group a firm is in, based on the first letter or number of the firm name.

| <u>Group</u> | <u>Firm Name</u> | <u>Cycle</u> |
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| 1 | R – Z | January 1 – even numbered years |
| 2 | A – C and firms starting with numerals | July 1 – even numbered years |
| 3 | D – I | January 1 – odd numbered years |
| 4 | J – Q | July 1 – odd numbered years |



For additional reference, please review the Food and Agricultural Code Sections 14557, 14601, 14604, and the California Code of Regulations, Title 3, Section 2320, located at the following web address: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/docs/Fertilizer_Law_and_Regs.pdf.

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

Sincerely,



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