



December 11, 2024

## Notice to Fertilizing Material Licensees: New Four-Year Product Registration Cycle

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) will implement this four-year registration cycle which is intended to improve efficiencies and reduce inconvenience to registrants. CDFA will soon be filing rulemaking to clarify these laws and make them specific within regulation.

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.

Effective January 1, 2025, fertilizer firms in Group 3 (as indicated in the table at the end of this notice) will proceed as normal with registration renewal beginning on January 1, 2025. The four-year cycle will immediately apply to this group.

For all other groups (Groups 1, 2, and 4) with product registration renewal dates in the future, CDFA will issue an updated Notice to Industry as soon as rulemaking has been completed (*anticipated in late winter/early spring 2025*).

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](mailto:fertilizer@cdfa.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY NICK YOUNG**

Nick Young  
Environmental Program Manager



**Modified Product Registration Cycle for Group 3  
Beginning January 1, 2025**

*(Other registration groups will be addressed in an updated  
Notice to Industry after rulemaking is complete.)*

<b>Firm Names</b>	<b>Group Number</b>	<b>Product Registration Cycle</b>	
<i>(that start with the following letters)</i>  <b>D – I</b>	3	<u>Transition Period</u>	<u>Long-Term</u>
		No Transition Period	Start of Four-Year Cycle: <b>January 1, 2025</b>  Renewal Fee for four-year cycle: Conventional - \$100 Organic Input Materials - \$1,000

Beginning January 1, 2025, the fee 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.