

May 29, 2025

**Notice to Fertilizing Material Licensees:
Pro-Rated, Transitional Product Registration
& 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) implemented this four-year registration cycle which is intended to improve efficiencies and reduce inconvenience to registrants. CDFA is finalizing 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 July 1, 2025, for fertilizer firms in Group 4, CDFA will initiate a six-month 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 4, 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 six-month 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 \$12.50 for conventional fertilizing materials and \$125 for organic input materials are required for Group 4 registration renewals.

For fertilizer licensees in Groups 1 and 2 with product registration renewal dates in the future, CDFA will issue 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 Group 4
Beginning July 1, 2025**

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

Firm Names	Group Number	Product Registration Cycle	
<i>(that start with the following letters)</i> J – Q	4	<u>Transition Period</u>	<u>Long-Term</u>
		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

Beginning January 1, 2026, 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.