



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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**Notice to Fertilizing Material Licensees
Amended Registration Process for Fertilizing Materials**

Dear Fertilizing Material Licensee:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture will implement registration process changes intended to improve efficiencies and reduce inconvenience to registrants. There are three aspects of the process amendments that will affect registrants: a modified long-term amendment to the registration cycle, a transitional registration cycle, and the implementation of provisional registration status.

The consequence of the existing registration cycle is the required renewal of over 9,000 product labels every January 1 of even numbered years. The Fertilizing Materials Inspection Program will implement a revised registration cycle for fertilizing materials on January 1, 2018. The modified schedule will divide licensed firms into four groups with different starting dates for registration over a two year period. This modification is designed to reduce the duration of time required to complete product registration without changing registration fees. This process will affect both renewals and new registrations.

Modified process - On January 1, 2018, all currently registered product labels will be due for renewal registration. At this time the program will initiate a transition period of variable fees and registration duration as the modified long-term registration schedule is adopted. The prorated cost for registration and renewal is designed to be cost-neutral compared to the current schedule. Firms will be divided into four groups based on the firm name. Please see the attached schedule to understand the requirements for your firm.

The program will also be implementing a provisional registration status for renewals. If a product label is up for renewal, and registration fees are paid, and there are no label modifications, the product may be given the "Provisional Registration" status for up to six months. This will allow uninterrupted business while the label is undergoing full review.

The program anticipates that the final result will improve overall efficiency of the registration process as program staff will now have the workload spread over two years rather than a single renewal period every two years.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (916) 900-5022.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Program Manager



Modifications to Registration Cycle

Firm Name	Group Number	Cycle	
R-Z	1	<u>Transition Period</u> No transition period	<u>Long-Term</u> No Change January 1 st (even numbered years) – December 31 st (odd numbered years) Fees: Conventional \$50, OIM - \$500
A,B,C and Numbers (1,2,3, etc.)	2	<u>Transition Period</u> 2 ½ years (30 months) January 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020 Prorated Fees: Conventional - \$62.50, OIM - \$625	<u>Long-Term</u> Two Year Cycle – begins July 1, 2020 July 1, (even numbered years) – June 30, (even numbered years) Fees: Conventional - \$50, OIM - \$500
D-I	3	<u>Transition Period</u> 1 year (12 months) January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018 Prorated Fees: Conventional - \$25, OIM - \$250	<u>Long-Term</u> Two Year Cycle– begins January 1, 2019 January 1, (odd numbered years)- December 31, (even numbered years) Fees: Conventional - \$50, OIM - \$500
J-Q	4	<u>Transition Period</u> 1 ½ years (18 months) January 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 Prorated Fees: Conventional - \$37.50, OIM - \$375	<u>Long-Term</u> Two Year Cycle– begins July 1, 2019 July 1, (odd numbered years) – June 30, (odd numbered years) Fees: Conventional - \$50, OIM - \$500