

Organic Input Material Workshop for Organic Certifiers and Interested Parties

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California Department of Food & Agriculture

Fertilizing Materials Inspection Program

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 - Conventional and Organic
 - CA, NV, OR, AZ
 - Ecocert contract

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 - 10 registration staff
 - 4 Ph.D., 3 M.S – Plant Science, Plant Pathology, Soil Science, Bacteriology
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Contacting the Program

- Registration –
 - E-mail – **fertilizer@cdfa.ca.gov**
 - Phone – 916-900-5022
- Inspection –
 - Web site – complaints, **<http://apps5.cdfa.ca.gov/fmc/>**

Regulatory Authority

- License statute –**14591**. (a) Every person who manufactures or distributes fertilizing materials shall, before he or she engages in the activity, obtain a license from the secretary for each plant and business location that he or she operates. Prior to issuing a license, the secretary shall require verification that the applicant is a manufacturer or distributor of fertilizing material compliant with this chapter. All licenses shall be renewed in January of each odd-numbered year, and shall be valid until December 31 of the following even-numbered year, if issued in January of that same year. However, a person who only distributes or who makes retail sales of packaged agricultural minerals, packaged commercial fertilizers, packaged soil amendments, organic input material, or packaged auxiliary soil and plant substances, alone or in any combination, which bear the registered label of another licensed person, is not required to obtain the license.

Regulatory Authority

- Registration authority

FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE - **14601.** (a) Each differing label, other than weight or package size, such as changes in the guaranteed analysis, derivation statement, or anything that implies a different product, for specialty fertilizer, packaged agricultural mineral, auxiliary soil and plant substance, organic input material, and packaged soil amendment shall be registered. All registrations shall be renewed in January of an even-numbered year, and shall be valid until December 31 of the following odd-numbered year, if issued in January of that same year. The registration fee shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200) per product, except for organic input material.

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS - **§ 2320. Registration.** In addition to requirements found in Section 14601 of the Food and Agricultural Code, the following information is required. Each auxiliary soil and plant substance, packaged agricultural mineral, packaged soil amendment, specialty fertilizer, and organic input material shall be registered in the name of the legal entity or person whose name appears on the label before being distributed in this state.

These materials shall not be distributed or sold unless the product is registered.

Conventional

- Labeling laws

14542. "Labeling" means all written, printed, or graphic matter on, accompanying, or used in promoting the sale of any fertilizing material, including advertisements, brochures, posters, and television and radio announcements.

- Claims

Organic Input Material

- Includes
 - Commercial fertilizers
 - Bulk Agricultural Minerals
 - Bulk Soil Amendments
- Label
- Claims
- NOP compliance

Regulatory Actions

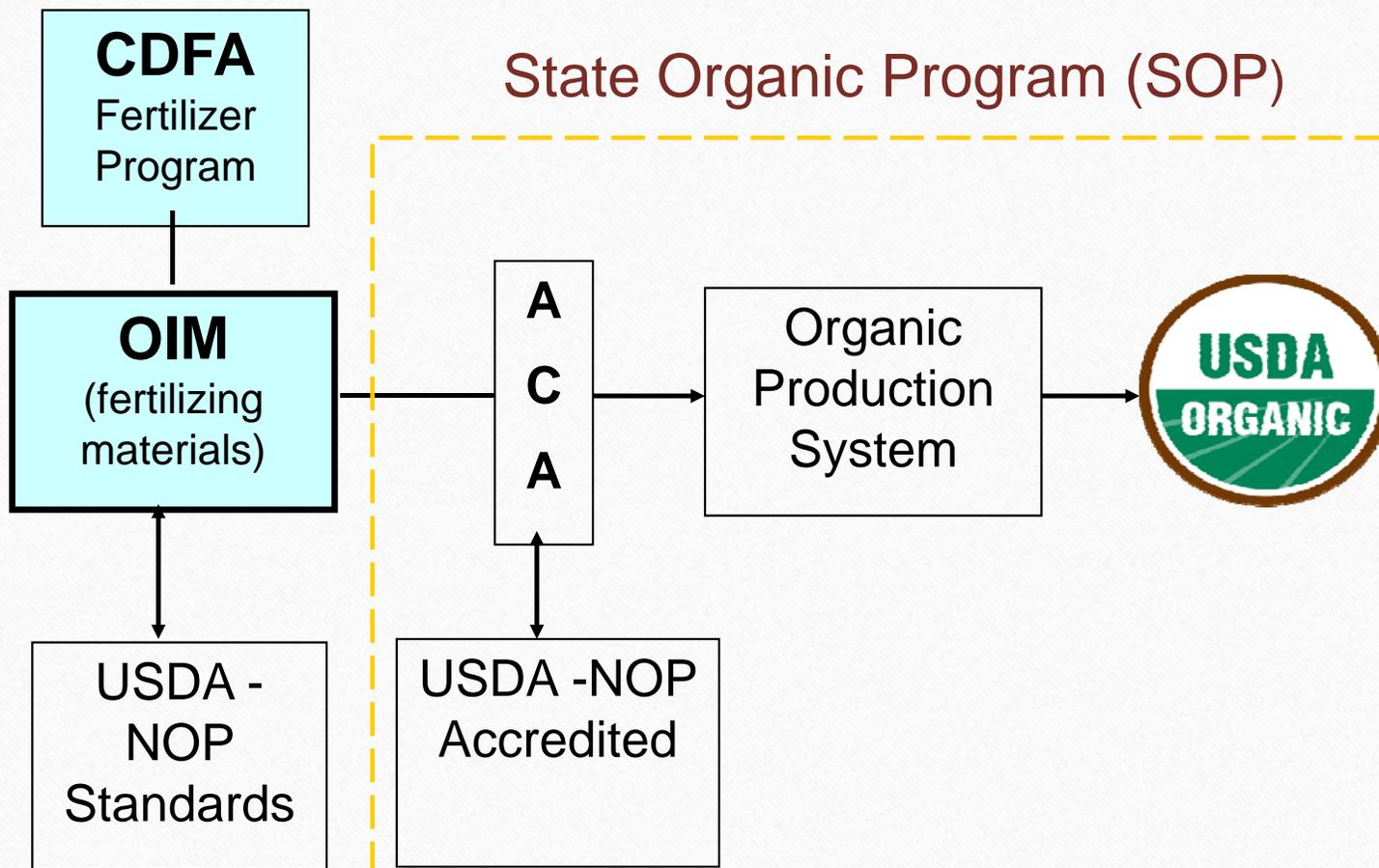
- Notice of Warning
- Quarantine
- Civil Administrative Penalties
- Revoke license

Scope

§ 2320.3. Scope of Organic Input Material.

- (a) A fertilizing material shall be considered to be an organic input material requiring label registration under the following circumstances:
 - (1) The fertilizing material making claims of compliance to the United States Department of Agriculture, National Organic Program (NOP) standards, or claims for use in organic crop and food production, including but not limited to, submission by the supplier, distributor, or manufacturer for listing by a third-party organic input material review organizations recognized by the NOP.
 - (2) The fertilizing material includes claims on labels, labeling, literature or extensions of labels, such as websites or social media outlets, or other electronic or verbal communications that the products are suitable for use in the organic crop and food production system.
- (b) “Natural Organic Fertilizer” as defined in section 14548 of the Food and Agricultural Code, shall not require registration, under the following circumstances:
 - (1) The product does not have a label as a fertilizing material, does not make claims of compliance with United States Department of Agriculture, NOP standards, regulations, or statutes, or does not claim that it is acceptable or approved for use in organic crop and food production.
 - (2) The product does not make nutrient claims on literature, bills of lading, laboratory analysis or extensions of labels, such as websites, social media outlets, or verbal communication.

State Organic Program (SOP)



Registration Status

Status	
Pending Review	Payment was received. The application is undergoing review by the appropriate CDFA personnel. No further firm action required.
Data/Revisions Required	CDFA staff sent record back to firm for review. Firm must “Edit” applicable record and review attached CDFA correspondence. Firm action required, CDFA will not review these records.
Re-submitted	Firm responded to a “Data/Revisions Required” request and selected “Resubmit record back to CDFA” No further firm action required, CDFA will continue with the review.
Approved	Record is “approved.” (Products should not be found in the channels of trade prior to approval). No further firm action required.



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**CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FOR
ORGANIC INPUT MATERIALS**

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is authorized to manufacture, deliver or sell in California the products listed below. Registration is not an endorsement by the Department of Food and Agriculture of any product or any claim made for it. No reference may be made to the State of California Department of Food and Agriculture in labeling or advertisements. Registration may be canceled after hearing at any time for just cause. The composition of each product and the label used on it must be the same as those submitted by the registrant.

Organic Input Material

1. FISH FERTILIZER 1-1-1. Issued: Jul 19, 2016. Expires: Dec 31, 2017.
2. ORGANIC COMPOST. Issued: Jul 19, 2016. Expires: Dec 31, 2017.
3. ORGANIC KELP. Issued: Jul 19, 2016. Expires: Dec 31, 2017.



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Please note that Bulk Agricultural Mineral and Commercial Fertilizer product labels that may be listed below are NOT registered, but have been reviewed, and their labeling is in accordance with the requirements of Section 14631 of the Food and Agricultural Code and Sections 2300 through 2312 of the California Code of Regulations.

Auxiliary Soil and Plant Substance

1. HUMIC ACID. Issued: Jul 19, 2016. Expires: Dec 31, 2017.

Packaged Soil Amendment

1. COCO COIR GROWING MEDIA. Issued: Jul 19, 2016. Expires: Dec 31, 2017.

Specialty Fertilizer

1. GARDEN FERTILIZER 2-1-5. Issued: Jul 19, 2016. Expires: Dec 31, 2017.

Resources

- OIM page

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/fldrs/fertilizer_OIM.html