

Did You Know

Nearly All Fertilizers & Soil Amendments Must Be Registered With Each U.S. State Agency Before They Can Be Sold In Those States?

Process To Register & Maintain Fertilizer Compliance



- 1 **Company License & Set Up:** Your company needs to be set up with the states before submitting fertilizer applications.
- 2 **Product Testing for Label Guarantees:** Conduct tests on your fertilizer to determine its nutrient content and other essential properties.
- 3 **Contaminant Testing:** Test the fertilizer for heavy metals and other contaminants as required by state regulations.
- 4 **Develop Label and SDS:** Create a detailed product label and Safety Data Sheet (SDS) that includes all relevant information.
- 5 **Form Filing:** Complete the necessary registration forms.
- 6 **Prepare Submission:** Gather all required documents, including test results, label, SDS, and any other supporting materials.
- 7 **Submit to State Regulatory Agency:** Note that submission methods vary by state and can include online portals, fax, mail, or email.
- 8 **Payment:** Pay any applicable registration fees, which may be processed via credit card, cheque, or other payment methods depending on the state's requirements.
- 9 **Await Approval:** Wait for the state regulatory agency to review your submission and provide approval or request additional information.
- 10 **Address Any Follow-Ups:** If the agency requests additional information or clarifications, promptly provide the necessary details.
- 11 **Ongoing Compliance:** Renewals, label and manufacturing updates, tonnage reporting.

Although the AAPFCO provides clear labeling guidelines, many states have additional requirements. Meeting the labeling standards for all states can be challenging, but doing so minimizes confusion and facilitates resale across the USA.



Captivating Design Meeting Requirements & Guidelines



The Association of American Plant Food Control Officials (AAPFCO) standardizes fertilizer labeling, ensuring consistency and accuracy. These guidelines help manufacturers provide clear information on nutrient content, application instructions, and safety. State regulatory agencies rely on AAPFCO standards to enforce regulations, protect consumers, and ensure fair market practices.

This uniformity facilitates interstate commerce, reduces compliance burdens for manufacturers, and prevents the sale of substandard products, safeguarding agricultural productivity and environmental health.

The process for Organic Approval is much more rigorous and involves a complete breakdown on ingredients and a manufacturing process.



OMRI provides approvals for organics to all U.S. states, except for California. California has its own organic approval process, which can be used to sell products into California, Washington, and Oregon for Organic Production.

Canada

In Canada, several fertilizers and soil amendments are exempt from registration with the CFIA, but still require proper labelling, while others need to be registered through a rigorous application process. U.S. companies applying for registrations need to first be connected to a contractor or partner in Canada.

Typical Approval Wait Times



Organic Materials Review Institution (OMRI)	2-4 months
California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Organic Input Materials (OIM)	4-7 months
Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)	1-3 months
Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA)	3-5 months
Most other States	1 week to 2 months

We Hope This Information Is Helpful To Your Business

If you are thinking about U.S. or Canadian registrations and label approvals, but don't have the capacity to move through all the steps or need some guidance, please reach out.

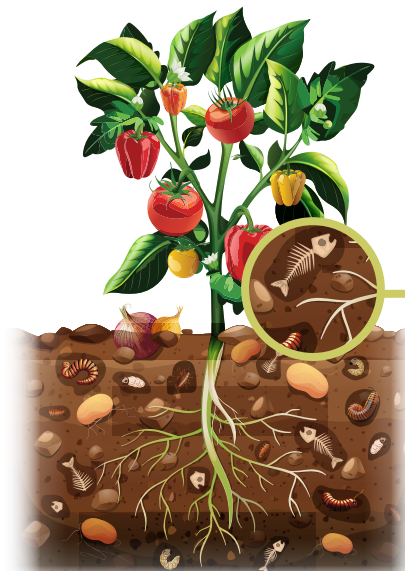
- ✔ We support sustainable, regenerative, and organic agricultural practices.
- ✔ We operate in Canada and U.S with many regulatory contacts.
- ✔ We help customers meet rigorous regulatory standards.
- ✔ Confidentiality is top priority.
- ✔ We work efficiently and responsively.
- ✔ We work for you and are adaptable to your requests and concerns.
- ✔ We will show you the economic benefits of employing a contractor, regulatory needs don't often require full time employment.
- ✔ We develop content too – labels, SDS, process flow charts...

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