

FAQs- Fertilizer Product Registration

1) What is the definition of fertilizer?

Answer: Per 6 V.S.A. § 363, (5) "Fertilizer" means any substance containing one or more recognized plant nutrients that is used for its plant nutrient content and that is designed for use or claimed to have value in promoting plant growth or health, except unprocessed animal or vegetable manures and other products exempted by the Secretary.

2) Do I need a license to sell my fertilizer products in the State of Vermont?

Answer: A "license" is not required to sell/distribute fertilizer products in Vermont. However, you are required to register each of the products you wish to sell/distribute in Vermont.

3) I'm not sure my product needs to be registered, who should I contact?

Answer: For any questions concerning whether or not a product needs to be registered, please contact lisa.fantelli@vermont.gov.

4) How do I register my product? Can I do so online?

Answer: If you have an existing account you can register your product online at any time. If this is a new account, you will need to submit a paper application. (link to application)

5) If I only sell my product online, do I need to register it?

Answer: You are required to register your product(s) whether they are sold online or in retail locations.

6) Do soil amendments need to be registered?

Answer: Soil amendments do not need to be registered in Vermont at this time.

7) What needs to be on the label?

Answer: Product name and brand name, grade, guaranteed analysis, directions for use, name and mailing address of manufacturer/distributor, net weight and any precautionary statement.

8) Where do I send the labels?

Answer: Labels should be sent to Lisa.Fantelli@vermont.gov.

9) My product is registered in another state, will you automatically accept my label?

Answer: Not necessarily. It will be accepted if it meets all Vermont Requirements.

10) My product is packaged in multiple sizes, do I need to register each size?

Answer: While we require registration of each grade of a product, we do not require registration for each size of package.

11) How is my registration fee determined?

Answer: The registration fee is \$20 per nutrient with a maximum fee of \$140 per product.

12) Do all nutrients need to be counted towards the fee or only the N-P-K?

Answer: Yes, all nutrients are counted towards the fee except for chlorine and silica.

13) Can I use decimals in my guaranteed analysis of N-P-K or are only whole numbers accepted?

Answer: Vermont accepts fractional terms for all nutrients.

14) Where do I get my product tested for the guaranteed analysis?

Answer: : Your product can be tested at a lab of your choice or done at the Agency's lab which is in Randolph. (link to lab)

15) Do I need to pay tonnage?

Answer: If you register product(s) in Vermont, you need to pay tonnage annually, even if there is zero tonnage to report.

16) When is tonnage due?

Answer: Tonnage is due January 15th for the previous year.

17) How is tonnage calculated?

Answer: The fee for agricultural fertilizer tonnage is \$.50 per ton with a minimum fee of \$150. The fee for non-agricultural fertilizer tonnage is \$30 per ton with a minimum fee of \$150.

18) I submitted my product but haven't heard anything, what should I do?

Answer: Depending on the time of year, it can take up to 4-6 weeks to receive a certificate of registration. If we have a question regarding your label, you will receive a phone call from us. If you have recently moved or changed your mailing address, please contact Licensing and Registration at 802-828-2436.

19) I no longer want to sell my product(s), do I need to do anything?

Answer: : Please contact agr.licensing@vermont.gov or submit a letter stating that you no longer wish to register your product.

20) Do I need to register my product every year?

Answer: Your product(s) needs to be registered each year that it is offered for sale. The registration year for fertilizer is January 1st through December 31st.

21) I never received a renewal form, what should I do?

Answer: If you registered a product(s) last year and have not received a renewal form by March 10th, please contact Licensing and Registration at agr.licensing@vermont.gov or 802-828-2436.

22) I have revised my labels; do I need to do anything?

Answer: If there have been slight revisions to your labels, such as in graphics or font, you do not need to register your product as a new product. If there have been significant changes, such as changes in N-P-K, you will need to register your product as a new product. If you have questions about whether or not a label is considered new, send your questions to lisa.fantelli@vermont.gov.

23) If I already register my product as a pesticide, do I need to register it as a fertilizer?

Answer: If your product is registered as a pesticide and makes fertilizer claims, it needs to be registered as a fertilizer as well. Each grade needs to be registered.