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TO: Fertilizer and Beneficial Substance Manufacturers & Distributors

FROM: Nebraska Department of Agriculture; Fertilizer Program

RE: Updates to The Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioners Act

This notification is being mailed to those who are currently listed as a distributor or manufacturer of a commercial fertilizer or soil conditioner within the state of Nebraska to notify you of changes to Nebraska's Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Act.

With the passing of LB948 during the 2026 Nebraska Legislative Session, the Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioners Act was changed to the Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Beneficial Substances Act. Neb Rev Stat §§81-2,162.01 to 81-2,162.28, The term Beneficial Substances was added and defined as "any claimed or advertised substance that can be demonstrated by scientific research to be beneficial to soil, media, or at least one species of plant. Beneficial substance: (a) Includes any plant biostimulant, soil amendment, chemical or biological substance that is beneficial to any plant and growing environment of such plant; and (b) Does not include any primary or secondary nutrient for plants, plant micronutrient, pesticide, unmanipulated animal or plant manure, or commercial fertilizer;" §81-2,162.02.

This bill also included changes that were made to product registration. As of January 1, 2027, all commercial fertilizers and beneficial substances must be registered before being distributed in this state. The first distributor who originally initiates the distribution of the product into or within this state shall be responsible for compliance with the product registration requirements of this section. The application for registration shall be submitted and shall be accompanied by one copy of the labeling for such product and a fee of fifty dollars per product. Applications will be received through an online submission form that will be available at <https://nda.nebraska.gov/plant/fertilizer>.

Licensing fees were also increased from \$15 to \$25 annually for each manufacturing/distributing facility. See §81-2,162.23

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please feel free to contact our office at (402) 471-2351 or visit <https://nda.nebraska.gov/plant/fertilizer> for the most up to date information.