

CHAPTER 18C

FERTILIZER, SOIL AMENDMENT, AND
PLANT AMENDMENT LAW

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18C.005 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 1a. [Repealed, 2005 c 136 art 7 s 22]

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Subd. 35a. [Repealed, 2005 c 136 art 7 s 22]

[For text of subds 36 to 38, see M.S.2004]

18C.141 SOIL AND MANURE TESTING LABORATORY CERTIFICATION.

Subdivision 1. **Program establishment.** The commissioner shall establish voluntary programs to certify the accuracy of analyses from soil and manure testing laboratories and promote standardization of soil and manure testing procedures and analytical results.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 3. **Analyses reporting standards.** (a) The results obtained from soil, manure, or plant analysis must be reported in accordance with standard reporting units established by the commissioner by rule. The standard reporting units must conform as far as practical to uniform standards that are adopted on a regional or national basis.

(b) If a certified laboratory offers a recommendation for use in Minnesota, the University of Minnesota recommendation or that of another land grant college in a contiguous state must be offered in addition to other recommendations, and the source of the recommendation must be identified on the recommendation form. If relative levels such as low, medium, or high are presented to classify the analytical results, the corresponding relative levels based on the analysis as designated by the University of Minnesota or the land grant college in a contiguous state must also be presented.

[For text of subd 4, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 5. **Fees.** (a) The commissioner may charge the actual costs for check sample preparation and shipping.

(b) A laboratory applying for certification may be charged a nonrefundable certification fee to cover the actual costs for administration of the program.

(c) Certification is renewable on an annual basis. The commissioner shall notify a certified lab that its certification lapses within 30 to 60 days of the date when the certification lapses.

(d) The commissioner may accept donations to support the development and operation of soil and manure programs.

(e) Revenues under this section are deposited in the fertilizer account of the agricultural fund.

[For text of subd 6, see M.S.2004]

History: 1Sp2005 c 1 art 1 s 23-25

18C.201 PROHIBITED FERTILIZER ACTIVITIES.

[For text of subds 1 to 5, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 6. [Repealed, 2005 c 136 art 7 s 22]

Subd. 7. [Repealed, 2005 c 136 art 7 s 22]

18C.425 APPLICATION AND INSPECTION FEES.

[For text of subds 1 to 5, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 6. Inspection fees. The person responsible for payment of the inspection fees for fertilizers, soil amendments, or plant amendments sold and used in this state must pay an inspection fee of 30 cents per ton of fertilizer, soil amendment, and plant amendment sold or distributed in this state, with a minimum of \$10 on all tonnage reports. Products sold or distributed to manufacturers or exchanged between them are exempt from the inspection fee imposed by this subdivision if the products are used exclusively for manufacturing purposes.

History: 1Sp2005 c 1 art 1 s 26

18C.60 PHOSPHOROUS TURF FERTILIZER USE RESTRICTIONS.

Subdivision 1. Definition. For the purpose of this section, "turf" means noncrop land planted in closely mowed, managed grasses including, but not limited to, residential and commercial residential property, private golf courses, and property owned by federal, state, or local units of government, including parks, recreation areas, and public golf courses. Turf does not mean pasture, hayland, hay, turf grown on turf farms, or any other form of agricultural production.

[For text of subds 2 to 4, see M.S.2004]

History: 2005 c 10 art 1 s 12