

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare)

ORDER

New Delhi, the 10th October, 2015

S.O.2776(I).— In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (of 1955), the Central Government hereby makes the following Order further to amend the Fertiliser (Control) Order, 1985, namely:-

1. (i) This Order may be called the Fertiliser (Control) Fourth Amendment Order, 2015.

(ii) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Fertiliser (Control) Order, 1985, (hereinafter referred to as said Order):-

(i) in clause 8 of the said Order after sub-clause (5), the following sub-clause shall be inserted, namely:-

"4 No authorisation letter shall be granted to any applicant under this Order unless the applicant possesses the following qualifications, namely:-

(v) Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from a recognised University or Institute; or

(vi) Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from a recognised University or Institute; or

(vii) Diploma in Agriculture Science from a recognised University or Institute; or

(viii) Certificate Course on agri-inputs for a minimum period of six months from National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), National Institute of Plant Health Management (NIPHM) and other Government approved institute;

Provided that the dealers, who have been granted authorisation letter, before the commencement of the Fertiliser (Control) Fourth Amendment Order, 2015 shall not be required to possess the qualifications at the time of renewal of their authorisation letter.

Provided further that the said qualifications shall not be applicable to the registered Agricultural Cooperative Societies and State Marketing Federations but they shall engage a person with the above qualifications."

(ii) in Schedule I Part-A, under the heading 'SPECIFICATIONS OF FERTILISERS', -

(a) in sub-heading 1(c), 'STRAIGHT POTASSIC FERTILISERS', in serial number 4, 'Potassium Chloride (Muriate of Potash) (Granular), in item number(v), for "3.35", the following shall be substituted, namely:- "4.0";

(b) in sub-heading 1(f), 'MICRONUTRIENTS', after serial no 17, the following entries shall be inserted, namely:-

'18. Anhydrous Borax ($\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7$)

(vi) Boron (as B) per cent by weight, minimum - 20.5

(vii) Matter insoluble in water per cent by weight, maximum - 0.1

(viii) Arsenic (as As) per cent by weight, maximum - 0.001

(ix) Lead (as Pb) per cent by weight, maximum - 0.001

(x) Appearance Free flowing form. ';

(iii) In Schedule IV, Part-A, under the heading 'SPECIFICATIONS OF ORGANIC FERTILISERS', after serial no 4, the following entries shall be inserted, namely:-