

## CHAPTER 151.

[ S. B. 435. ]

## WASHINGTON FERTILIZER ACT—DEFINITIONS.

AN ACT relating to fertilizers, agricultural minerals and limes; and amending section 2, chapter 85, Laws of 1953 and RCW 15.54.010.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. Section 2, chapter 85, Laws of 1953 and RCW 15.54.010 are each amended to read as follows: RCW 15.54.010 amended.

The following definitions apply to words and phrases used in this chapter: Definitions.

(1) "Fertilizer material" means any substance other than unmanipulated animal or vegetable manures containing not less than five percent of nitrogen, phosphoric acid, or potash, singly or chemically combined, and may contain other plant food elements or compounds. "Fertilizer material."

(2) "Mixed fertilizer" means any physical combination or mixture of fertilizer materials designed for use or claimed to have value in promoting plant growth. "Mixed fertilizer."

(3) "Commercial fertilizer" means and includes mixed fertilizers, fertilizer materials and specialty fertilizers. "Commercial fertilizer."

(4) "Complete fertilizer" means commercial fertilizer which contains nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash. "Complete fertilizer."

(5) The term "specialty fertilizer" means any fertilizer distributed primarily for use on noncommercial crops such as gardens, lawns, shrubs, and flowers; and may include fertilizers used for research or experimental purposes. "Specialty fertilizer."

(6) "Agricultural minerals" means mineral substances, and mixtures of mineral and organic substances containing less than five percent in available form of nitrogen, phosphoric acid, or potash, collec- "Agricultural minerals."

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tively, or in combination designed for use principally as a source of plant food; provided that animal manures, limes, sand and soil shall not be considered as minerals.

"Lime."

(7) "Lime" means a substance or mixture of substances, the principal constituent of which is calcium and/or hydroxide, magnesium carbonate, or oxide, singly or combined.

"Brand."

(8) "Brand" means a term, design or trademark used in connection with the distribution and sale of one or more grades of commercial fertilizers, agricultural minerals or lime.

"Grade."

(9) "Grade" means the minimum percentage of total nitrogen, available phosphoric acid and soluble potash stated in the order given.

"Ton."

(10) "Ton" means a net weight of two thousand pounds avoirdupois.

"Percent,"  
"percentage."

(11) "Percent" or "percentage" means the percentage by weight. Mixed fertilizers shall always be expressed in whole numbers.

"Ultimate  
dealer."

(12) "Ultimate dealer" means a person who sells commercial fertilizer, agricultural mineral or lime direct to the user.

"Department."

(13) "Department" means the state department of agriculture of the state of Washington.

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