

MODELS OF UNIFORMITY

Official Documents of the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials, Inc. (AAPFCO)

The regulation of fertilizer, soil amendments, agricultural liming materials, chemigation and agricultural anhydrous ammonia is accomplished at the state level. AAPFCO has officially adopted model legislation for each of these regulatory areas which may be used by the states in enacting laws and promulgating administrative regulations or rules.

Without a consensus of uniformity among the states, individual laws could become contradictory from state to state, causing severe economic hardship among the industry with no advantage to the purchaser. The adoption of these official documents by the states leads to uniformity among the states, improving the efficiency of interstate commerce and promoting greater understanding and acceptability by consumers.

AAPFCO promotes *Uniformity by Consensus* by diligently developing and approving documents which serve as models recommended for adoption by the states. However, only by the support and cooperation of all states can these documents be effective as *Models of Uniformity*.

The officially adopted documents of AAPFCO are summarized as follows:

- **The Uniform State Fertilizer Bill**
- A model bill providing the legal authority to regulate the registration, packaging, labeling, sale, storage, distribution, use and application of fertilizer and fertilizer materials.

Fertilizer Rules and Regulations

Specific requirements for the accurate and meaningful labeling of fertilizers, including terms and definitions.

Rules For Primary and Secondary Containment of Fertilizers

Regulations for the storage requirements for bulk fluid and dry fertilizers.

- **Uniform Soil Amendment Bill**
A model bill providing the legal **authority** to regulate the labeling, distribution and sale of products sold to improve the physical characteristics of the soil.
- **Model Agricultural Liming Materials**
A model bill providing the legal authority to regulate the distribution, labeling and sale of agricultural liming materials.
- **Model Chemigation Bill**
A model bill providing the legal authority to regulate and protect ground and surface waters from contamination with [chemicals] applied through irrigation systems.
- **Uniform State Ammonia Bill**
A model bill providing the legal authority to regulate the safe storage and handling of agricultural anhydrous ammonia.

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