

FERTILISERS ACT 1985**Order No 2001/02
Order pursuant to Section 18****Composition standards for soil improving agents: Cadmium, Lead and Mercury**

I, RICHARD AMERY MP, Minister for Agriculture, make this Order pursuant to Section 18(1) of the *Fertilisers Act 1985* and hereby declare that a soil improving agent must not contain more than the specified maximum concentration of a component set out below:

a) Cadmium

Soil improving agent	Composition standard: Cadmium
Phosphatic fertiliser	300mg/kg of phosphorus
Non-phosphatic fertiliser	10mg/kg of non-phosphatic fertiliser
Liming material	10mg/kg of liming material

b) Lead

Soil improving agent	Composition standard: Lead
Fertiliser	100mg/kg of fertiliser
Liming material	100mg/kg of liming material

b) Mercury

Soil improving agent	Composition standard: Mercury
Fertiliser	5mg/kg of fertiliser
Liming material	5mg/kg of liming material

Dictionary

In this Order:

“non-phosphatic fertiliser” means all fertilisers other than a phosphatic fertiliser.

“phosphatic fertiliser” means a fertiliser that in a dry or solid form contains not less than 3 per cent phosphorus or in a liquid form contains not less than 2 per cent phosphorus.

Signed this 12th day of December 2001.

**RICHARD AMERY MP
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE**