

**FERTILISERS ACT 1985****Order No 2001/03  
Order pursuant to Section 16****Particulars to be marked on parcels of soil improving agents that are fertilisers**

I, RICHARD AMERY MP, Minister for Agriculture, make this Order pursuant to Section 16(1) of the *Fertilisers Act 1985* and hereby declare that the particulars specified in this Order must be marked on a parcel that contains a soil improving agent that is a fertiliser:

- (a) the quantity of fertiliser contained in the parcel;
- (b) the proportion (expressed as w/w or w/v) in which nitrogen occurs in the fertiliser, including;
  - (i) the proportion of total nitrogen;
  - (ii) the proportion of nitrogen as a nitrate compound;
  - (ii) the proportion of nitrogen as an ammonium compound;
  - (iii) the proportion of nitrogen as urea;
  - (iv) the proportion of nitrogen as an organic compound;
  - (v) the proportion of any other nitrogen.
- (c) the proportion (expressed as w/w or w/v) in which phosphorus occurs in the fertiliser, including;
  - (i) the proportion of total phosphorus;
  - (ii) the proportion of phosphorus as water soluble;
  - (ii) the proportion of phosphorus as ammonium citrate soluble;
  - (iii) the proportion phosphorus as ammonium citrate insoluble;
  - (iv) the proportion of any other phosphorus.
- (d) the proportion (expressed as w/w or w/v) in which potassium occurs in the fertiliser, including;
  - (i) the proportion of total potassium;
  - (ii) the proportion of potassium chloride;
  - (ii) the proportion of potassium nitrate;
  - (iii) the proportion of potassium phosphate;
  - (iv) the proportion of potassium sulphate;
  - (v) the proportion of any other potassium.
- (e) the proportion (expressed as w/w or w/v ) in which sulphur occurs in the fertiliser, including;

- (i) the proportion of total sulphur;
  - (ii) the proportion of sulphate;
  - (ii) the proportion of elemental sulphur.
- (f) the proportion in which cadmium, lead and mercury occur in the fertiliser (expressed as the number of milligrams of cadmium, lead or mercury per kilogram of fertiliser or expressed as parts per million);
- (g) for a fertiliser that contains nitrogen and biuret, the proportion in which biuret occurs in the fertiliser (expressed as the number of milligrams of nitrogen or biuret per kilogram of fertiliser or expressed as parts per million);
- (h) the proportion in which trace elements occur in the fertiliser (expressed either as the number of milligrams of each trace element per kilogram of fertiliser or as parts of each trace element per million);
- (i) the following warning for the corresponding soil improving agent:

<b>Soil improving agent</b>	<b>Warning</b>
Fertiliser containing more than 10 grams but not more than 20 grams of biuret per kilogram of total nitrogen.	<b>WARNING</b> Repeated foliar applications of this fertiliser may cause damage to citrus.
Fertiliser containing more than 20 grams but not more than 30 grams of biuret per kilogram of total nitrogen.	<b>WARNING</b> This product is not recommended for repeated foliar application on annual or perennial horticultural crops.
Fertiliser containing more than 30 grams biuret per kilogram of total nitrogen.	<b>WARNING</b> This product is not recommended for foliar application.
Fertiliser containing more than 1 milligram per kilogram of cadmium.	<b>WARNING</b> Use of this product may result in cadmium residues in excess of the Maximum Permissible Concentration (MPC) in plant and animal products and may result in accumulation of these residues in soils.
Fertiliser containing more than 20 milligrams per kilogram of lead.	<b>WARNING</b> Continued use of this product may result in accumulation of lead residues in soils.
Fertiliser containing more than 0.2 milligrams per kilogram of mercury.	<b>WARNING</b> Continued use of this product may result in accumulation of mercury residues in soils.

Fertiliser sold in bulk or in packages containing more than 25 kilograms.	<b>WARNING</b> The dust from this product may irritate the eyes and skin. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Avoid inhaling dust.
Fertiliser containing more than 0.001 per cent of molybdenum.	<b>WARNING</b> Excessive use of molybdenum can be harmful to stock. Plant levels of molybdenum can be high for up to four weeks after application. It is advisable to keep stock off treated areas for this period. Check rate and frequency of molybdenum use with appropriate authorities.
Fertiliser containing more than 0.001 per cent of selenium.	<b>WARNING</b> This fertiliser should only be used in areas where selenium deficiency of stock exists. Do not allow stock access to spills of fertiliser. Seek advice on application rates from appropriate authorities.

**Dictionary**

In this Order:

“w/w” means the percentage weight in total weight for products sold by weight.

“w/v” means the percentage weight in total volume for products sold by volume.

Signed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2001.

**RICHARD AMERY MP**  
**MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE**