

Agro Inputs Manufacturers Association (of india)

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Date - 05.07.2019

The Commissioner of Agriculture

Dept .of Agriculture, Central Building,

Pune -411001

Subject: Non FCO grade nutrient based product's manufacture & sale in Maharashtra state

Reference:

- 1. Order No.4076 (of 2014) dated 18 February 2016 and Order No- 11938(of 2017) dated 01 March 2018 of the Hon Mumbai High Court
- 2. Your statement in daily 'Agrowon 'dated 28 June 2019 regards to restriction on manufacture and sale of these products

Respected Sir,

We, AGRO INPUTS MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA (AIM) are the registered manufacturers association from Pune. The association came to existence in 2011 in order to solve non registered product manufacturers' grievances and issues.

We would like to bring to your kind attention that the above cited category of products (Non FCO nutrients) fall under NON REGISTERED status since they are not under the purview of any ACT. The sale of such products can only be regulated under FCO 1985 only if they are notified by the Central or State government.

We as responsible association and representing more than 350 manufacturers. Most of our members have manufacturing and selling licenses such as Udyog Bharti, Fertlizer and Insecticide. Our members have necessary infrastructure to manufacture non registered products if they are brought under FCO 1985. Hence I hereby requests you to kindly start process for bringing these products in the purview of the FCO 1985. This will enable the regulation of manufacture and sale of such products. These products are boon to farmers as they are not only bringing new technologies and innovations in Indian agriculture sector but are also proving to increase the yields and quality of crops.

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The above technology & productivity wise benefits of such products (chelates of Calcium, Magnesium etc.) are evaluated by our association through three years efficacy data conducted in Agriculture Universities in Maharashtra (The said data is already submitted to the dept of Agriculture, Maharashtra state on 15 January 2019)

Since these products increase the yield and also improves quality of produce, there is high demand of these products from the farmers. But since there is no regulation governing them, farmers may fall pray poor quality products lacking standardisation and specifications.

Hence in order to regulate the manufacture and sale of these products, we once again urge you to kindly start process to bring them under purview of the FCO 1985. We also request you not to stop the manufacture and sale of these products as directed by the Hon High Court, Mumbai twice with respect to manufacture and also sale of these products.

We sincerely hope you will do the needful and also request to also consider the PROPOSAL DRAFT submitted by our association in this regards on 17 December 2018 to your office.

Thanking you.

Yours truly,

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