

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare)

ORDER

New Delhi, the 10th October, 2015

S.O.2776(E).— In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), the Central Government hereby makes the following Order further to amend the Fertiliser (Control) Order, 1985, namely:-

1. (i) This Order may be called the Fertiliser (Control) Fourth Amendment Order, 2015.

(ii) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Fertiliser (Control) Order, 1985, (hereinafter referred to as said Order),-

(i) in clause 8 of the said Order after sub-clause (3), the following sub-clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“4 No authorisation letter shall be granted to any applicant under this Order unless the applicant possesses the following qualifications, namely:-

(v) Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from a recognised University or Institute; or

(vi) Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from a recognised University or Institute; or

(vii) Diploma in Agriculture Science from a recognised University or Institute ; or

(viii) **Certificate Course on agri-inputs for a minimum period of six months from National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), National Institute of Plant Health Management (NIPHM) and other Government approved institute:**

Provided that the dealers, who have been granted authorisation letter, before the commencement of the Fertiliser (Control) Fourth Amendment Order, 2015 shall not be required to possess the qualifications at the time of renewal of their authorisation letter.

Provided further that the said qualifications shall not be applicable to the registered Agricultural Cooperative Societies and State Marketing Federations but they shall engage a person with the above qualifications.”

(ii) in Schedule I Part-A, under the heading ‘SPECIFICATIONS OF FERTILISERS’, -

(a) in sub-heading 1(c), ‘STRAIGHT POTASSIC FERTILISERS’, in serial number 4, ‘Potassium Chloride (Muriate of Potash) (Granular), in item number(v), for “3.35”, the following shall be substituted, namely’- “4.0”;

(b) in sub-heading 1(f), ‘MICRONUTRIENTS’, after serial no 17, the following entries shall be inserted, namely:-

‘18. Anhydrous Borax (Na₂B₄O₇)

(vi) Boron (as B) per cent by weight, minimum – 20.5

(vii) Matter insoluble in water per cent by weight, maximum – 0.1

(viii) Arsenic (as As) per cent by weight, maximum – 0.001

(ix) Lead (as Pb) per cent by weight, maximum – 0.001

(x) Appearance Free flowing form. ’;

(iii) In Schedule IV, Part-A, under the heading ‘SPECIFICATIONS OF ORGANIC FERTILISERS’, after serial no 4, the following entries shall be inserted, namely:-

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Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
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Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated the 18th October, 2016

To

The Director Agriculture,
Government of

Bhubaneswar

Subject:- Educational Qualification for obtaining the Authorisation letter-regarding

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to say that this Ministry vide notification S.O.No. 2776 (E) dated 10th October, 2015 prescribed the following Educational Qualifications for obtaining the Authorisation letter for carrying on the business of selling of fertiliser:

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- a. Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from recognized University or Institute: or
 - b. Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from recognized University or Institute: or
 - c. Diploma in Agriculture Science from a recognized University or Institute; or
 - d. Certificate Course on agri input for a minimum period of six month from National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), National Institute of Plant Health Management and other Government approved institute.

2. Some of the stake holders have sought clarification on whether the other disciplines in Agriculture shall also be considered for granting the Authorisation letter and category on which the said notification is applicable. This issue was discussed in the 50th of Central Fertiliser Committee and it was decided that B.Sc Agriculture prescribed in clause 8 (4) includes all the disciplines of Agriculture. Also the above prescribed Qualification is required only for retail dealers and is not applicable to manufacturers and wholesale dealers.

3. It is also clarified once again that these qualifications are not applicable retrospectively. The dealers who have been granted authorization letter, before authorization letter, before the commencement of 10th October, 2015 notification, shall not be required to possess qualifications at the time of renewal of their authorization letter. These qualifications are applicable to new dealers who have applied after 10th October, 2015.


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