

Draft amendment of the Official Specifications for Normal Fertilizers

Reflecting current scientific knowledge, the Official Specifications for Normal Fertilizers with regard to nitrogen fertilizers are to be amended for deregulating the requirements stated as below:

(1) In addition to by-products in non-ferrous metals and chemical, by-products in food industry are to be available as components of 'By-product liquid nitrogen fertilizer'.

(For flesh-bone meal made from the ingredients derived from cattle and in the case of using the flesh-bone meal as an ingredient of fertilizer, taking measures set forth by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries to prevent cattle, sheep, goats, and deer from feeding off it or to control the ingredients is required. Such control measures shall be either the following (i) or (ii); however, it may be the following (iii) if the fertilizer produced with ingredients derived from cattle is transferred as an ingredient for other fertilizers to producers, etc.

(i) At the production of such normal fertilizers, use ingredients designated by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries to prevent livestock from feeding off.

(ii) At the production of such normal fertilizers, the ratio of a fertilizer containing only ingredients not derived from animals or plants and such ingredients, which is blended with such normal fertilizers, shall be 50 percent or more of the total weight of all ingredients.

(iii) Attach the supply control report in every step from collection of ingredients to shipping them as an ingredient of fertilizer to producers.)

(2) Classification of the fertilizer mentioned above are to be changed for including suspended fertilizers.

(before) By-product liquid nitrogen fertilizer

(after) By-product fluid nitrogen fertilizer