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# FERTILIZER INDUSTRY FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA

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## Fertilizer Regulation & Importation

### Purpose

This paper gives general information about the regulatory regime for fertilizer in Australia. It covers regulations relating to description, sale and use, and regulations relating to importation.

The information is of a general nature only and is intended to direct interested parties to the appropriate authority for full and complete information.

### Fertilizer Description, Sale and Use

The description, sale and use of fertilizers in Australia are primarily governed by Acts and Regulations in each of the State jurisdictions. No State requires that fertilizers are registered; however, all have specifications for how fertilizer must be described and labeled, and for maximum permissible concentrations for certain impurities.

### Imports

Prior to importing fertilizers to Australia, a customs declaration must be lodged with the Australian Customs Service. This document along with extensive information on the importation process can be obtained from the Australian Customs Service.

Fertilizer imports must also meet strict Australian Quarantine regulations administered by the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS). Most fertilizer products require an import permit and are required to conform to import conditions. The quarantine regulations are primarily concerned with preventing pests, diseases and undesirable plants from entering Australia. A list of commodities and import conditions can be found on the AQIS web site.

### Other Regulation

- ◆ Certain fertilizers are classified as dangerous goods and storage, transport and handling are regulated under state dangerous goods regulations, .
- ◆ Certain fertilizers have been classified as presenting a risk to national security and are regulated under a range of regulations to control access.
- ◆ Fertilizer import, transport, storage, manufacture and use may also be subject to regulation relating to environmental risks. Departments of the Environment and Environment Protection Authorities in each State administer these regulations, which typically include a general duty of care.

The FIFA web site, [www.fifa.asn.au](http://www.fifa.asn.au) has links to the most relevant sites relating to the Fertilizer regulations in each State, to Customs and AQIS and to sites dealing with security issues. If you are seeking to import and or sell fertilizers in Australia then you should consult the relevant agency for detailed advice.

Companies involved in any aspect of the Australian Fertilizer Industry are strongly encouraged to join the Fertilizer Industry Federation of Australia (FIFA). FIFA has an excellent working relationship with AQIS with regard to fertilizer imports and with State regulators regarding labeling and description of fertilizers and the maximum permissible concentrations of certain impurities.

More information about FIFA, including contact details are listed on our web site, [www.fifa.asn.au](http://www.fifa.asn.au).