

[Act No. 3067, March 16, 1923]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANALYSIS AND REGISTRATION OF COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS, ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF ITS PROVISIONS, REGULATE TRAFFIC IN SUCH FERTILIZERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Legislature assembled and by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. Any substance shall in its simple or compound state be deemed to be a commercial fertilizer if by reason of its chemical composition it is sold, offered, or held for sale for the purpose of increasing the productivity of the soil. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to raw-material nor the dung of domestic animals when sold as such, and unmixed with anything else. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as preventing any one from mixing commercial fertilizing materials for his own use only, if these have been purchased under official tag and legal label as hereinafter specified. By the term "brand," as used in this Act, is to be understood: (1) the name, number, trademark, or other designation under which a fertilizer is sold, and (2) the fertilizer itself sold under such name, number, or trademark.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful within the Philippine Islands to sell, offer for sale or possess or manufacture for m sale any commercial fertilizer which has not been officially registered in the Bureau of Science. The application of the manufacturer or seller of any brand of commercial fertilizer to said Bureau for registration of such fertilizer shall contain a sworn statement of its correct composition in the following terms: (1) The minimum percentage of phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) in available form (soluble); (2) the minimum-percentage of insoluble phosphoric acid (P_2O_5) ; (3) the minimum percentage of potash (K_2O) in compounds soluble in water; (4) the minimum percentage of nitrogen in a available form; and (5) a sworn guaranty that the fertilizer contains no horn, hoof, hair, feathers or other similarly inert nitrogenous matter. The manufacturer or seller shall also state the sources of the constituents of the brand of fertilizer offered for registration, which statements and the information contained therein shall be recorded for reference, but shall not be disclosed unless the materials used in said brand of fertilizer are found satisfactory, and its guarantee composition as described above is correct, the said Bureau may officially register the said is brand and its guaranteed composition, and the manufacturer or seller of the said brand shall pay a registration fee of fifty pesos. No change may be made in the composition guaranteed for the fertilizer or in the general character of the materials used in its manufacture, without filing a new statement.

SEC. 3. After official registration of any brand of commercial fertilizer, it shall be duty of the manufacturer or seller securing such registration to notify the Director of the Bureau of Science of the names and addresses of all dealers within the Philippine Islands, who will probably sell such brand, so far as shall then be known, and quarterly thereafter to furnish his a revised, complete, and true list of dealers in that brand. It shall be the duty of each seller of fertilizers within the Philippine Islands to notify the Director aforesaid, annually, of the brands of fertilizers which he