

Useful information for businesses and farmers on fertilisers, soil improvers, biologically active substances and nutrient substrates:

Fertilisers, soil improvers, biologically active substances and nutrient substrates are placed on the market and used after registration and issuance of a certificate for placing on the market and use by the Executive Director of the Bulgarian Food Safety Agency (BFSA), in compliance with the requirements of the Plant Protection Act, Ordinance No 21 of 2016 on the conditions and procedures for the registration, labelling and control of fertilisers, soil improvers, biologically active substances and nutrient substrates, and the [Procedure for registration of fertilisers, soil improvers, biologically active substances and food substrates](#).

- Fertilisers, soil improvers, biologically active substances and nutrient substrates shall be registered when they are effective and do not have adverse effects on humans, animals or the environment under the conditions of use prescribed by the manufacturer.
- Products shall not be subject to registration under Article 130(1) of the Plant Protection Act, if they are:
 1. manure within the meaning of Article 3(20) of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 (Animal by-products Regulation) (OJ L 300/1 of 14 November 2009);
 2. fertilisers, soil improvers, biologically active substances and nutrient substrates intended for use only in potted plants;
 3. Inorganic fertilisers which comply with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003 and bear the “EC fertiliser” marking.
- The application of Regulation (EU) 2019/515 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 March 2019 on the mutual recognition of goods lawfully marketed in another Member State does not exempt fertilisers, soil improvers, biologically active substances and nutrient substrates from the registration requirement. The registration of such products already placed on the market in another Member State is subject to a light regime laid down in Article 133(3) of the Plant Protection Act and Article 4(5) of Ordinance No 21 of 23 November 2016 on the conditions and procedures for the registration, labelling and control of fertilisers, soil improvers, biologically active substances and nutrient substrates.
- Within 7 days of the occurrence of a change in the circumstances related to the registration and the certificate issued, the holder shall submit to the Central Office of the BFSA an application form to which he attaches documents certifying the change.
- The registration of a fertiliser, soil improver, biologically active substance or nutrient substrate shall be deleted and the certificate of placing on the market and use shall be invalidated:

1. At the written request of the certificate holder;
 2. On a proposal from the Expert Commission, if the fertiliser, soil improver, biologically active substance or nutrient substrate:
 - a) no longer meets the conditions under which it is registered;
 - b) is registered based on incorrect data;
 - c) it is not effective or has an adverse effect on humans, animals or the environment.
- Ammonium nitrate fertilisers with high nitrogen content shall be placed on the market, subject to the restrictions set out in point 58 of Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH). Ammonium nitrate fertilisers with high nitrogen content shall only be supplied to the final consumer in packaged form.
 - Each batch of ammonium nitrate fertilisers with high nitrogen content shall be accompanied by a certificate of resistance to detonation issued within three months before they are placed on the market. The person placing them on the market shall submit the test results to the BFSA Headquarters at least 5 days before they are placed on the market or at least 5 days before arrival at the border of the Republic of Bulgaria at the border of the Republic of Bulgaria.
 - In order to ensure a high level of traceability when placing ammonium nitrate fertilisers with high nitrogen content on the market, the manufacturer is obliged to keep records of the names and addresses of the sites where the fertilisers and their main components are produced. The documentation shall be provided at the request of plant protection inspectors throughout the marketing period of ammonium nitrate fertilisers with high nitrogen content and for a period of two years after their cessation.
 - Fertilisers, soil improvers, biologically active substances and nutrient substrates are labelled in Bulgarian.
 - If organic fertilisers or soil improvers contain constituents of animal origin, the packaging and/or labels shall also indicate material category (2 or 3) and the information required in points (b), (ix) and (c) of Chapter II of Annex VIII to Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 of 25 February 2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products, not intended for human consumption and implementing Council Directive 97/78/EC as regards certain samples and items exempt from veterinary checks at the border under that Directive (OJ L 54/1 of 26 February 2011).
 - Fertilisers, soil improvers, biologically active substances and nutrient substrates, including EC fertilisers, shall be stored and transported in compliance with fire and explosive safety requirements in a way that excludes damage to human, animal health and the environment.
 - Holders of certificates for the placing on the market and use of fertilisers, soil improvers, biologically active substances or nutrient substrates are required to inform the BFSA of any new data on their action related to their efficacy and safety for humans, animals or the environment.

- Producers, importers and persons placing on the market fertilisers, soil improvers, biologically active substances and nutrient substrates, including EC fertilisers, shall keep records of their origin for the entire period of their supply and two years thereafter.
- Farmers are required to keep records of the used quantities and types of fertilisers, soil improvers, biologically active substances and nutrient substrates.

THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE PROHIBITED:

1. The import, introduction, placing on the market, use and storage in order to place on the market or use of unregistered fertilisers, soil improvers, biologically active substances or nutrient substrates;

2. The affixing of the “CE fertiliser” mark to a product which does not comply with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003;

3. Advertising fertilisers, soil improvers, biologically active substances and nutrient substrates that do not comply with the requirements of the Plant Protection Act and its implementing acts.

Contact details of the competent authority regarding registration of fertilisers, soil improvers, biologically active substances or nutrient substrates:

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