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to regulate the production, quality, supply, distribution, storage, sale and prices of fertilizers.

It is necessary to regulate the production, quality, supply, distribution, storage, sale and prices of fertilizers; and, other matters connected therewith.

Be it enacted by Provincial Assembly of the Punjab as follows:

1. Short title, extent and commencement.— (1) This Act may be cited as the Punjab Fertilizers Act 2018.

(2) It extends to whole of *the* Punjab.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.— In this Act:

- (a) "Act" means the Punjab Fertilizers Act 2018;
- (b) "adulterated fertilizer" means a fertilizer whose physical and chemical properties are different from those mentioned in Schedule-A, Schedule-B and Schedule-C or whose nutritional strength has been altered, debased or corrupted so as to render it less effective or ineffective or harmful to the soil productivity or to a plant;
- (c) "bio-fertilizer" means the product containing carrier based solid or liquid, living organisms agriculturally useful for nitrogen fixation, phosphorus solubilization or nutrient mobilization to increase soil productivity;
- (d) "Board" means the Provincial Quality Control Board established under the Act;
- (e) "brand" means the exclusive name of a fertilizer registered under the Act and by the Trade Mark Authority;
- (f) "Controller" means the Controller appointed under the Act;
- (g) "crop supplement or soil amendment or soil conditioner" means a chemical substance which supplements the growth of a plant or, as the case may be, which is used to improve the structure and porosity of soil; and
- (h) "dealer" means a person or a body of persons registered under the Act for the wholesale or retail sale of any brand of fertilizer;
- (i) "distributor" means a person or a body of persons, authorized by the manufacturer or the importer of a

fertilizer to purchase that fertilizer from him and sell or supply it within a specified area;

- (j) "fertilizer" means any substance, organic or inorganic, or a mixture of such substances used to provide one or more of the essential elements of nutrition for soil or a plant and includes a bio-fertilizer or a minor fertilizer;
- (k) "Fertilizer Registration and Advisory Committee" means a Committee constituted under the Act;
- (l) "Government" means Government of the Punjab;
- (m) "Government Analyst" means the Agricultural Chemist or the Incharge of Soil and Water Testing Laboratory for Research or, as the case may be, Provincial Reference Fertilizer Testing Laboratory;
- (n) "importer" means a person or a body of persons, importing any brand of fertilizer from any other country in the Punjab and includes a buying agent, or an indenter or a manufacturer's agent;
- (o) "manufacturer" means a person or a body of persons engaged in the manufacture or production of a fertilizer;
- (p) "minor fertilizer" means the prescribed bio-fertilizer, growth regulator, soil conditioner or soil amendment or crop supplement;
- (q) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules;
- (r) "producer" means a person or a body of persons engaged in the manufacture, mixture, packing or labeling of a fertilizer;
- (s) "Product Standardization Committee" means the Product Standardization Committee constituted under the Act;
- (t) "Regional Inspection Committee" means the Regional Inspection Committee constituted under the Act;
- (u) "rules" mean rules made under the Act;
- (v) "Schedule" means the Schedule appended to the Act; and
- (w) "substandard fertilizer" means a fertilizer manufactured or produced in deviation of its registered specifications or which contains ingredients below the standards mentioned in Schedule 'A' for macro fertilizer and Schedule 'B' for micro fertilizer.

