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Directorate of Agricultural Development & Farmers Welfare, Vikas Bhavan, Thiruvanathapuram-33

Dt: 23/09/2020

From,

The Director of Agriculture

To,

The Managing Director, Kerala State Co operative Marketing Federation Ltd, P.B. No. 2024, Gandhinagar, Kochi -20

Sir,

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Sub: - Manufacture, Distribution and sale of non satudard fertilizer mixture- Suspension of Certificate of Manufacture No: 52/Std. Mix / 02/ R/ 2019-20 dt 30/05/2019

Ref: - Note No TQ(2) 37919/19 dt 14/01/2020-

As per the reference cited it has been informed that the fertilizer samples 8:8:16 manufactured by your firm has been reported as non standard on analysis at Fertilizer Quality Control Laboratory, Parottukonam, Thiruvananthapuram. The explanation furnished by you on the lapses are not satisfactory and warrants strict action as per the provisions of Fertilizer Control Order, 1985. It may also be noted that your licence was suspended during 2018 for the same incidence.

The quality of fertilizers are governed under the FCO provisions. The specifications of various fertilizers are specified under FCO. Clause 19 of FCO strictly prohibits the sale/manufacture of fertilizer which are not of prescribed standards. No person shall sell any product as fertilizer unless it is specified under the FCO. State Governments have been adequately empowered to take actions against persons who indulge in illegitimate activities, violating provisions of FCO, 1985, Fertilizer (Movement Control) Order, 1973 and Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Under the above circumstance the Certificate of Manufacture No: 52/Std. Mix / 02/ R/ 2019-20 dt 30/05/2019 issued to M/s Kerala State Co operative Marketing Federation Ltd, P.B. No. 2024, Gandhinagar, Kochi -20 is suspended for a period of 90 days with effect from 12/10/2020.

The suspension will be revoked only on assuring that the quality of fertilizer mixtures manufactured by your firm in future will confirm to FCO specifications. Further production of non standard fertilizer mixtures will lead to cancellation of your licence with immediate effect.

Additional Director of Agriculture (CP)

& State Registering Authority

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