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Directorate of Agricultural Development  
& Farmers Welfare,  
Vikas Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram-33  
Dt : 14/11/2021

From,

Director of Agriculture

To,

Sri. Kurian Joseph,  
Proprietor  
M/s Southern Fertilizers & Chemicals ,  
Industrial Nagar.P.O, Changanasserry, Kottayam

Sir,

Sub: - Manufacture, Distribution and sale of non standard fertilizer mixture- Suspension  
of Certificate of Manufacture No: 7(A)/Std. Mix / 07-08/R/ 2019-20 dt  
27/12/2019-reg

Ref : - 1. ADFW/1176/2021-TQ(2) dt 14/10/2021

As per reference cited it has been informed that the fertilizer grade 10:10:10 manufactured by your firm was found non standard on analysis at Fertilizer Quality Control Laboratory, Thiruvananthapuram as per analytical report No. FC 201/2020-21 dt 03/12/2020. On verification of case history of your firm it is seen that nineteen samples of fertilizer mixtures manufactured by your firm was reported non standard since 2017. The explanations furnished by you on the lapses were not satisfactory and warrants strict action as per the provisions of Fertilizer Control Order , 1985.

It is well aware that 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. Any violation of provisions of FCO invokes both administrative and penal penalties.

Under the above circumstance the Certificate of Manufacture No: 7(A)/Std. Mix / 07-08/R/ 2019-20 dt 27/12/2019 issued to M/s Southern Fertilizers & Chemicals , Industrial Nagar.P.O, Changanasserry, Kottayam is suspended for a period of 15 days with effect from 17/11/2021.

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 by your firm will lead to cancellation of your licence without further notice.**



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& State Registering Authority

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