

2023 Kansas Statutes

2-1205. Commercial fertilizers; inspection fee, increase or decrease in amount; registration; records and reports; revocation of registration; penalties; disposition of moneys received. (a)

An inspection fee shall be collected upon all commercial fertilizers sold, offered or exposed for sale, or distributed in Kansas, which shall be at a rate per ton fixed by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of agriculture, except that such rate shall not exceed \$1.67 per ton. The secretary of agriculture may adopt rules and regulations establishing the inspection fee rate under this section. Each person registering any commercial fertilizer shall pay the inspection fee on such commercial fertilizer sold, offered or exposed for sale, or distributed in Kansas. Each such registrant shall keep adequate records showing the tonnage of each commercial fertilizer shipped to or sold, offered or exposed for sale, or distributed in Kansas. The secretary, and duly authorized representatives of the secretary, shall have authority to examine such records and other pertinent records necessary to verify the statement of tonnage.

(b) Each person registering any commercial fertilizer shall file an affidavit semiannually, with the secretary, within 30 days after each January 1 and each July 1, showing the tonnage of commercial fertilizer sold or distributed in Kansas for the preceding six-month period. Each such registrant shall pay to the secretary the inspection fee due for such six-month period, except that the registrant shall not be required to pay the inspection fee or report the tonnage of commercial fertilizers or fertilizer materials sold and shipped directly to fertilizer manufacturers or mixers. The fertilizer manufacturers or mixers shall keep adequate records of the commercial fertilizers sold or distributed in this state, and report to the secretary the tonnage and pay the inspection fee due. If the affidavit is not filed and the inspection fee is not paid within the 30-day period, or if the report of tonnage is false, the secretary may revoke the registrations filed by such person. If the affidavit is not filed and the inspection fee is not paid within the 30-day period, or any extension thereof granted by the secretary, a penalty of \$10 per day shall be assessed against the registrant, except that on and after July 1, 2028, a penalty of \$5 per day shall be assessed against the registrant, and the inspection fee and penalty shall constitute a debt and become the basis for a judgment against such person. The secretary may grant a reasonable extension of time.

(c) (1) The secretary shall remit all moneys received by or for the secretary under article 12 of chapter 2 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury and shall credit such remittance as follows:

(A) An amount equal to \$1.40 per ton shall be credited to the state water plan fund created by K.S.A. 82a-951, and amendments thereto;

(B) an amount equal to \$.04 per ton shall be credited to the fertilizer research fund; and

(C) the remainder shall be credited to the fertilizer fee fund.

(2) All expenditures from the fertilizer fee fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary of agriculture or by a person or persons designated by the secretary.

(3) The secretary of agriculture shall reduce the inspection fee by adopting rules and regulations under this section whenever the secretary determines that the inspection fee is yielding more than is necessary for the purpose of administering the provisions of this act.

(4) The secretary may increase the inspection fee by adopting rules and regulations under this section when the secretary finds that such increase is necessary to produce sufficient revenues for the purpose of administering the provisions of this act, except that the inspection fee shall not be increased in excess of the maximum fee prescribed by this section.

History: L. 1927, ch. 14, § 4; L. 1949, ch. 2, § 4; L. 1973, ch. 2, § 4; L. 1982, ch. 4, § 4;

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