

STATE LEVEL REGISTRATION STRATEGY FOR KELP EXTRACTS



STATE	DEPARTMENT OF APPROVAL	CLASSIFICATION OPTIONS (SUGGESTED IN BOLD)	REQUIRED FORMS FOR REGISTRATION	COSTS	TYPICAL TIMELINE	CONTACT INFORMATION	NOTES
CALIFORNIA	<p><u>CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE</u></p> <p>DIVISION: <u>FERTILIZING MATERIALS INSPECTION PROGRAM (FMIP)</u></p>	PLANT BIOSTIMULANT, COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER, SPECIALTY FERTILIZER, BENEFICIAL SUBSTANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>ONLINE PRODUCT REGISTRATION APPLICATION PORTAL</u> <u>FERTILIZING MATERIALS LISENCE</u> <u>COMPLETE PRODUCT LABEL GUIDANCE</u> <u>INGREDIENT SOURCE DISCLOSURE GUIDELINES</u> <u>HEAVY METALS TESTING</u> <u>TONNAGE FORM</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FERTILIZER LICENSE: \$100-\$300 PRODUCT REGISTRATION: \$500 HEAVY METALS TESTING: ~\$500 TONNAGE FEES (SMALL VOLUME): \$50-\$200 <p>TOTAL DIRECT REGULATORY COST: ~\$1,150-\$1,500</p>	2-4 MONTHS	<p>AGENCY: (916) 654-0466 FERTILIZER@CDFA.CA.GOV</p> <p>INDIVIDUAL: KRISTOPHER GULLIVER SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST (FMIP) KRISTOPHER.GULLIVER@C DFA.CA.GOV</p>	<p>NEW CA <u>SENATE BILL 1522, ACTIVE AS OF JAN 1ST, 2026</u>, ALLOWS RELATIVELY STRAIGHTFORWARD BIOSTIMULANT REGISTRATION PATHWAYS</p> <p>NO EFFICACY TESTING REQUIRED</p>
WASHINGTON	<p><u>WASHINGTON STATE DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE</u></p> <p>DIVISION: <u>AGRICULTURAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (AES)</u></p>	COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER, SOIL AMENDMENT / MICRONUTRIENT FERTILIZER, PESTICIDE / PLANT REGULATOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER REGISTRATION APPLICATION</u> <u>FERTILIZER PRODUCT REGISTRATION</u> <u>HEAVY METAL TESTING</u> <u>LABEL INSTRUCTIONS</u> <u>TONNAGE REPORT</u> <u>ECOLOGY QUESTIONNAIRE</u> (ONLY RELEVANT FOR MICRONUTRIENT FERTILIZERS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRODUCT REGISTRATION: \$150 TONNAGE FEES: \$0.27/TON HEAVY METALS TESTING: ~\$600 WASHINGTON ORGANIC CERTIFICATION: ~\$600 <p>TOTAL DIRECT REGULATORY COST: ~\$1,450</p>	2-6 MONTHS	<p>AGENCY: (360) 902-1800 FERTREG@AGR.WA.GOV</p> <p>INDIVIDUAL: BRENT PERRY REGISTRATION SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGER BPERRY@AGR.WA.GOV</p>	<p>WA DOES FUNCTION-BASED REGULATION. KELP EXTRACTS ARE CLASSIFIED AS FERTILIZER UNDER RCW 15.54 UNLESS CLAIMS TRIGGER PESTICIDE REVIEW</p> <p>WASHINGTON ORGANIC PROGRAM LOGO REQUIRED FOR IN STATE ORGANIC MARKETING</p>
OREGON	<p><u>OREGON DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE</u></p> <p>DIVISION: <u>FERTILIZER PROGRAM - PESTICIDES & FERTILIZER DIVISION</u></p>	FERTILIZER, AGRICULTURAL MINERAL, AGRICULTURAL AMENDMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BEST RESOURCE: <u>LICENSING, REGULATION AND LABELING OF FERTILIZING MATERIALS</u> <u>PRODUCT REGISTRATION APPLICATION</u> <u>FERTILIZER MANUFACTURER-BULK DISTRIBUTOR FORM</u> <u>TONNAGE FORM</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRODUCT REGISTRATION FEE: \$35 POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL EVALUATION FEES: \$35 FMBD LICENSE: \$50 TONNAGE FEES: \$0.45/TON HEAVY METALS TESTING: ~\$600 <p>TOTAL DIRECT REGULATORY COST: ~\$900</p>	~2 MONTHS	<p>AGENCY: (503) 986-4637 FERTILIZER- INQUIRY@ODA.OREGON.GOV</p> <p>INDIVIDUAL: GRANT AMAN FERTILIZER SPECIALIST GRANT.AMAN@ODA.OREGON.GOV</p>	<p>OR HAS NO BIOSTIMULANT REGISTRATION PATHWAY, SO DEPENDENT ON DESIRED CLAIMS A KELP BASED EXTRACT COULD FALL UNDER MULTIPLE CLASSIFICATIONS</p>

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