

Sixty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2027

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapters 4.1-23, 4.1-33, 4.1-34, 4.1-35, 4.1-36, 4.1-37,  
2 4.1-38, 4.1-39, and 4.1-40 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to revisions of agriculture  
3 laws regarding plant pests, pesticides, chemigation regulation, pesticide container disposal,  
4 anhydrous ammonia facilities, anhydrous ammonia risk management, crop protection products,  
5 and the fertilizer and soil conditioner law; to amend and reenact subsection 19 of section  
6 19-02.1-01 and sections 23-01-01.1 and 23-01-25 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to  
7 the definition of a pesticide chemical and the state department of health; to repeal chapters  
8 19-18, 19-20.1, 19-20.2, and 19-20.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to pesticides,  
9 fertilizers and soil conditioners, anhydrous ammonia facilities, and anhydrous ammonia risk  
10 management; and to provide a penalty.

11 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

12 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 4.1-23 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
13 follows:

14 **4.1-23-01. Definitions.**

15 In this chapter, unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires:

- 16 1. "Certificate" means a document issued or authorized by the commissioner indicating a  
17 regulated article is not contaminated with a pest.
- 18 2. "Commissioner" means the agriculture commissioner or the commissioner's  
19 authorized representative.
- 20 3. "Host" means any plant or plant product upon which a pest is dependent for  
21 completion of any portion of its life cycle.
- 22 4. "Infested" means infected with a quantity of pests or so exposed to a quantity of pests  
23 that it would be reasonable to believe that potential for harm or threat to the health of  
24 the host exists.

- 1       5. "Move" means to ship, offer for shipment, receive for transportation, carry, or  
2       otherwise transport, or allow to be transported.
- 3       6. "Permit" means a document issued or authorized by the commissioner to provide for  
4       the movement of regulated articles to restricted destinations for limited handling,  
5       utilization, or processing.
- 6       7. "Person" means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, company,  
7       society, or association, or other business entity.
- 8       8. "Pest" means any invertebrate animal, pathogen, parasitic plant, or similar organism  
9       that can cause damage to a plant or part of a plant or any processed, manufactured,  
10       or other product of plants.
- 11      9. "Phytosanitary certificate" means an international document issued or authorized by  
12       the commissioner stating that a plant or plant product is considered free from  
13       quarantine pests and practically free from injurious pests and that the plant or plant  
14       product is considered to conform with the current phytosanitary regulations of the  
15       importing country.
- 16      10. "Plant" means any part of a plant, tree, aquatic plant, plant product, plant material,  
17       shrub, vine, fruit, rhizome, vegetable, seed, bulb, stolon, tuber, corm, pip, cutting,  
18       scion, bud, graft, fruit pit, or agricultural commodity.
- 19      11. "Regulated article" means any article of any character as described in a quarantine  
20       carrying or capable of carrying the plant pest against which the quarantine is directed.

21       **4.1-23-02. Administration - Rulemaking authority.**

22       The commissioner shall administer this chapter. The commissioner shall employ an  
23       individual who has a baccalaureate degree in entomology, plant pathology, or biological  
24       sciences. The commissioner may adopt rules to carry out this chapter.

25       **4.1-23-03. Authority for control measures.**

26       The commissioner, either independently or in cooperation with political subdivisions,  
27       farmers' associations or similar organizations, individuals, federal agencies, or agencies of other  
28       states, is authorized to carry out operations or measures to locate, suppress, control, eradicate,  
29       prevent, or retard the spread of pests with the consent of the owners of the property involved.

1       **4.1-23-04. Authority for plant quarantine.**

- 2       1. The commissioner is authorized to quarantine this state or any portion of the state if  
3       the commissioner determines that quarantine is necessary to prevent or retard the  
4       spread of a pest within or from this state, and to quarantine any other state or portion  
5       of another state if the commissioner determines a pest exists in another state and a  
6       quarantine is necessary to prevent or retard the spread of the pest into this state.  
7       Before determining that a quarantine is necessary, the commissioner, after due notice  
8       to interested parties, shall hold a public hearing under rules adopted by the  
9       commissioner.
- 10      2. Any interested party may appear and be heard either in person or by attorney at the  
11      public hearing, provided, the commissioner may impose a temporary quarantine for a  
12      period not to exceed ninety days during which time a public hearing, as provided for in  
13      this section, must be held if it appears the quarantine may require more than the  
14      ninety-day period to prevent or retard the spread of the pest. The commissioner shall  
15      give notice of the quarantine in those newspapers in the quarantined area selected by  
16      the commissioner. The commissioner may limit the application of the quarantine to the  
17      infested portion of the quarantined area and appropriate environs, to be known as the  
18      regulated area, and, without further hearing, may extend the regulated area to include  
19      additional portions of the quarantined area:
- 20      a. Upon publication of a notice in newspapers in the quarantined area selected by  
21      the commissioner; or
- 22      b. By direct written notice to those concerned.
- 23      3. Following establishment of the quarantine, a person may not move any regulated  
24      article described in the quarantine or move the pest against which the quarantine is  
25      established, within, from, into, or through this state contrary to rules adopted by the  
26      commissioner. Notice of the rules must be published in newspapers in the quarantined  
27      area selected by the commissioner.
- 28      4. The rules may restrict the movement of the pest and any regulated articles from the  
29      quarantined or regulated area in this state into or through other parts of this state or  
30      other states and from the quarantined or regulated area in other states into or through  
31      this state. The rules may impose inspections, disinfections, certifications, permits, and

1           other requirements as the commissioner deems necessary to effectuate the purposes  
2           of this chapter.

3           **4.1-23-05. Authority for abatement and emergency measures.**

4           If the commissioner finds any article that is infested or reasonably believed to be infested or  
5           a host or pest exists on any premise or is in transit in this state, the commissioner, upon giving  
6           notice to the owner or the owner's agent in possession of the host or pest, may seize,  
7           quarantine, treat, or otherwise dispose of such pest, host, or article in the manner as the  
8           commissioner deems necessary to suppress, control, eradicate, or to prevent or retard the  
9           spread of the pest. The commissioner may order the owner or agent to treat or dispose of the  
10          pest, host, or article. If large areas or metropolitan areas, involving many people, are to be  
11          treated, notice may be given through newspaper, radio, or other news media. A notice must  
12          prominently appear, at least ten days prior to treatment, in at least three issues of a daily paper  
13          having local coverage.

14          **4.1-23-06. Authority for inspections - Warrants.**

- 15          1.   The commissioner, with a warrant or the consent of the owner, may make reasonable  
16          inspection of any premises in this state and any property in or on the premises. The  
17          commissioner, without a warrant with the assistance of any law enforcement agency  
18          may stop and inspect, in a reasonable manner, any means of transportation moving in  
19          this state upon probable cause to believe it contains or carries any pest, host, or other  
20          article subject to this chapter. The commissioner may make any other reasonable  
21          inspection of any premises or means of transportation for which no warrant is required  
22          under the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of North Dakota.  
23          2.   District courts in this state may issue warrants for inspections of property or  
24          transportation upon a showing by the commissioner of probable cause to believe there  
25          exists in or on the property or transportation to be inspected a pest, host, or other  
26          article subject to this chapter.

27          **4.1-23-07. Cooperation.**

- 28          1.   The commissioner is authorized to cooperate with any agency of the federal  
29          government in operations and measures the commissioner deems necessary to  
30          suppress, control, eradicate, prevent, or retard the spread of any plant pest including  
31          the right to expend state funds on federal lands.

1       2. The commissioner is authorized to cooperate with agencies of adjacent states in such  
2       operations and measures the commissioner deems necessary to locate; to suppress,  
3       control, eradicate, prevent, or retard the spread of any pest, provided, that the use of  
4       funds appropriated to carry out this chapter, for operations in adjacent states, must be  
5       approved in advance by the governor or the governor's designee.

6       **4.1-23-08. Penalties.**

7       1. It is a class A misdemeanor for:

8       a. Any person to violate any provision of this chapter or use without authority any  
9       certificate or permit or other document provided for in this chapter or in the rules  
10      of the commissioner provided for in this chapter;

11      b. Any person to knowingly move any regulated article into this state from any  
12      quarantined area of any other state, when the article has not been treated or  
13      handled under provisions of the quarantine and rules at the point of origin.

14      2. In addition to criminal sanctions, a person found guilty of violating this chapter or rules  
15      is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars for each violation. The  
16      civil penalty may be adjudicated by the courts or by the commissioner through an  
17      administrative hearing pursuant to chapter 28-32. The commissioner may maintain an  
18      appropriate civil action in the name of the state against any person violating this  
19      chapter.

20      **4.1-23-09. Authority for compensation.**

21      The commissioner may authorize the payment of reasonable compensation to growers in  
22      infested areas for not planting host crops pursuant to instructions issued by the commissioner  
23      prior to the planting season, for losses resulting from the destruction of any regulated articles. A  
24      payment may not be authorized for the destruction of regulated articles moved in violation of  
25      any rule or any host planted contrary to instructions issued by the commissioner. Any  
26      compensation payment program authorized by the commissioner must be approved by the  
27      legislative assembly.

28      **4.1-23-10. Authority for local pest control and regulations.**

29      The governing body of any political subdivision, by ordinance or resolution, may adopt and  
30      enforce regulations to control and prevent the spread of pests. If state rules are in effect, any  
31      similar local regulations must be approved by the commissioner. State rules must be in effect if

1 the commissioner finds that adequate measures are not being taken by the political subdivision.  
2 The commissioner shall notify the appropriate officials of the political subdivision before any  
3 action is taken by the commissioner. The rules may authorize appropriate officers and  
4 employees to enter and inspect any public or private place which might harbor pests.

5 **4.1-23-11. Authority for financing local control programs - County pest coordinator.**

- 6 1. The board of county commissioners may appropriate money for the control of pests  
7 under this chapter. If state funds are involved, the money must be expended according  
8 to control plans approved by the commissioner. The board of county commissioners  
9 shall determine the portion, if any, of control program costs to be paid by the county.  
10 Costs of the control program may be paid from revenues derived from general fund  
11 levy authority of the county or from the county noxious weed control levy authority  
12 under section 4.1-47-14.
- 13 2. The board of county commissioners for any county shall designate an individual to  
14 serve as county pest coordinator. The county pest coordinator shall administer local  
15 and private funds in cooperation with state and federal pest control programs. When  
16 state funds are involved, the county pest coordinator shall submit county and township  
17 control plans to the agriculture commissioner for approval.

18 **4.1-23-12. Authority for domestic and export certification.**

19 The commissioner may inspect and certify any plant and plant product, when offered for  
20 export or shipment from within the state and to certify, to shippers and interested parties as to  
21 the freedom of the products from injurious pests according to the phytosanitary requirements of  
22 other states and foreign countries. Authority for inspection and certification under this section is  
23 not limited to plants defined in section 4.1-23-01. The commissioner may make reasonable  
24 charges and use any means necessary to accomplish this objective. A portion of the fees  
25 collected may be deposited in the commissioner's operating fund equivalent to the amount that  
26 the United States department of agriculture assesses the department for federal plant export  
27 certificates issued by the commissioner. A certificate may be withheld or not issued if the  
28 product does not meet phytosanitary or import requirements and if all state licensing and  
29 bonding requirements have not been met. Consignee names and addresses on phytosanitary  
30 certificates are confidential.

1       **SECTION 2.** Chapter 4.1-33 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
2 follows:

3       **4.1-33-01. Definitions.**

4       As used in this chapter:

- 5       1. "Animal" means all vertebrate and invertebrate species, including humans and other  
6       mammals, birds, fish, and shellfish.
- 7       2. "Applicator" means any person who applies a pesticide to land.
- 8       3. "Certified applicator" means any individual who is certified under this chapter to  
9       purchase or use a restricted use pesticide.
- 10      4. "Commercial applicator" means a person who, by contract or for hire, engages in the  
11      business of applying pesticides for compensation.
- 12      5. "Defoliant" means any substance or mixture of substances intended to cause the  
13      leaves or foliage to drop from a plant, with or without causing abscission.
- 14      6. "Desiccant" means any substance or mixture of substances intended to artificially  
15      accelerate the drying of plant tissue.
- 16      7. "Device" means any instrument or contrivance, other than a firearm, which is intended  
17      for trapping, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest or any other form of plant or  
18      animal life, other than human and other than bacteria, virus, or other micro-organism  
19      on or in living humans or other living animals, but not including equipment used for the  
20      application of pesticides when sold separately from pesticide.
- 21      8. "Distribute" means to offer for sale, hold for sale, sell, barter, ship, deliver, or supply  
22      pesticides in this state.
- 23      9. "Environment" includes water, air, land, and all plants and humans and other animals  
24      living therein, and the interrelationships that exist among them.
- 25      10. "Equipment" means any type of ground, water, or aerial equipment or contrivance  
26      using motorized, mechanical, or pressurized power and used to apply any pesticide on  
27      land and anything that may be growing, inhabiting, or stored on or in that land. The  
28      term does not include any pressurized hand-held household apparatus used to apply  
29      any pesticide, or any equipment or contrivance of which the individual who is applying  
30      the pesticide is the source of power or energy to make the pesticide application.

- 1        11. "Fungus" means any non-chlorophyll-bearing thallophytes, that is, any  
2        non-chlorophyll-bearing plant of a lower order than mosses and liverworts as, for  
3        example, rust, smut, mildew, mold, yeast, and bacteria, except those on or in living  
4        humans or other living animals, and except those on or in processed food, beverages,  
5        or pharmaceuticals.
- 6        12. "Insect" means any of the numerous small invertebrate animals generally having the  
7        body more or less obviously segmented, for the most part belonging to the class of  
8        insecta, comprising six-legged, usually winged forms, and to other allied classes of  
9        arthropods whose members are wingless and usually have more than six legs.
- 10       13. "Label" means the written, printed, or graphic matter on, or attached to, the pesticide  
11       or device or any of its containers or wrappers.
- 12       14. "Labeling" means the label and all other written, printed, or graphic matter:  
13       a. Accompanying the pesticide or device; or  
14       b. To which reference is made on the label or in literature accompanying or referring  
15       to the pesticide, except when accurate nonmisleading references are made to  
16       current official publications of the board, the United States environmental  
17       protection agency, the United States departments of agriculture and interior, the  
18       United States department of health and human services, state agricultural  
19       colleges, and other similar federal or state institutions or agencies authorized by  
20       law to conduct research in the field of pesticides.
- 21       15. "Land" means all land and water areas, including airspace, and all plants, animals,  
22       structures, buildings, contrivances, and machinery, appurtenant to or situated on land,  
23       fixed or mobile, including any used for transportation.
- 24       16. "Nematode" means invertebrate animals of the phylum nemathelminthes, and class  
25       nematoda, i.e., unsegmented round worms with elongated, fusiform, or saclike bodies  
26       covered with cuticle, and inhabiting soil, water, plants, or plant parts, may also be  
27       called nemas or eelworms.
- 28       17. "Pest" means any insect, rodent, nematode, fungus, or weed; or any other form of  
29       terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life, viruses, bacteria, or other micro-organism,  
30       except viruses, bacteria, or other micro-organisms on or in living humans or other  
31       living animals.



- 1        18. "Pesticide" means:
- 2            a. Any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying,
- 3            repelling, or mitigating any pest; and
- 4            b. Any substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant regulator,
- 5            defoliant, or desiccant.
- 6        19. "Pesticide dealer" means any person, other than a pesticide wholesaler, distributing
- 7        pesticides.
- 8        20. "Plant regulator" means any substance or mixture of substances intended, through
- 9        physiological action, to accelerate or retard the rate of growth or rate of maturation, or
- 10       to otherwise alter the behavior of plants or the produce thereof, but does not include
- 11       substances to the extent that they are intended as plant nutrients, trace elements,
- 12       nutritional chemicals, plant inoculants, or soil amendments.
- 13       21. "Private applicator" means an individual who is required to be a certified applicator to
- 14       buy or use a restricted use pesticide on property owned or rented by the applicator or
- 15       the applicator's employer or, if applied without compensation other than trading of
- 16       personal services between producers of agricultural commodities, on the property of
- 17       another person.
- 18       22. "Public applicator" means an applicator who applies pesticides, other than
- 19       ready-to-use pesticides, as an employee of:
- 20            a. A governmental agency, municipal corporation, or public utility; or
- 21            b. A hospital, privately owned golf course, nursery, or greenhouse.
- 22       23. "Ready-to-use pesticide" means a pesticide other than a restricted use pesticide which
- 23       is applied directly from its original container consistent with label directions, and
- 24       includes aerosol spray cans, ready-to-use spray containers, bait packs, and other
- 25       types of containers that do not require mixing or loading before application.
- 26       24. "Restricted use pesticide" means any pesticide formulation that is classified as
- 27       restricted use by the United States environmental protection agency or the agriculture
- 28       commissioner under section 4.1-34-06.
- 29       25. "Rinsate" means a diluted mixture of pesticide obtained from triple rinsing or pressure
- 30       rinsing pesticide containers or from rinsing the inside and outside of spray equipment.

1        26. "Tank mix" means any pesticidal formulation used alone or in combination with another  
2        pesticide and mixed with a liquid carrier prior to application.

3        27. "Unreasonable adverse effects on the environment" means any unreasonable risk to  
4        humans or the environment, taking into account the economic, social, and  
5        environmental costs and benefits of the use of any pesticide.

6        28. "Weed" means any plant that grows where not wanted.

7        29. "Wildlife" means all living things that are neither human, domesticated, nor, as defined  
8        in this chapter, pests, including mammals, birds, and aquatic life.

9        **4.1-33-02. Pesticide control board - Enforcement by agriculture commissioner.**

10       1. The pesticide control board consists of the agriculture commissioner, the director of  
11       the cooperative extension division of the North Dakota state university of agriculture  
12       and applied science, and the director of the agricultural experiment station at North  
13       Dakota state university of agriculture and applied science. The agriculture  
14       commissioner is chairman of the board. The board shall meet at the call of the  
15       chairman.

16       2. The agriculture commissioner is responsible for the enforcement of this chapter. Any  
17       authority of the commissioner under this chapter may be executed by such employees  
18       or agents designated by the commissioner.

19       3. The members of the board must be compensated for their expenses in performing  
20       their duties under this chapter at the same rate as other state officials and the board's  
21       expenses must be paid from funds provided to the agriculture commissioner for the  
22       administration of this chapter. The board may act through the office of the agriculture  
23       commissioner and the commissioner's staff shall provide staff services for the board  
24       as directed by the commissioner.

25       **4.1-33-03. Pesticide control board to administer chapter and adopt rules.**

26       1. a. The pesticide control board shall administer this chapter and may adopt rules  
27       under chapter 28-32 to implement this chapter. The rules may prescribe methods  
28       to be used in the application of pesticides. The rules may relate to the time,  
29       place, manner, methods, materials, and amounts and concentrations, in  
30       connection with the application of the pesticide, and may restrict or prohibit use of  
31       pesticides in designated areas during specified periods of time and shall

- 1                   encompass all reasonable factors which the board deems necessary to prevent  
2                   damage or injury by drift or misapplication to:  
3                   (1) Plants, including forage plants, on adjacent or nearby lands.  
4                   (2) Wildlife in the adjoining or nearby areas.  
5                   (3) Fish and other aquatic life in waters in proximity to the area to be treated.  
6                   (4) Persons, animals, or beneficial insects.  
7                   b. In adopting rules, the board shall give consideration to pertinent research findings  
8                   and recommendations of other agencies of this state, the federal government, or  
9                   other reliable sources.  
10                  2. In adopting rules under this chapter, the board shall prescribe standards and  
11                  requirements for the certification of applicators of pesticides. These standards and  
12                  requirements must relate to the use and handling of pesticides. In determining these  
13                  standards and requirements, the board shall take into consideration standards and  
14                  requirements prescribed by the United States environmental protection agency.  
15                  3. Rules adopted under this chapter may not permit any pesticide use that is prohibited  
16                  by the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act [7 U.S.C. 136 et seq.] or  
17                  regulations or orders issued thereunder.  
18                  4. To comply with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act [7 U.S.C. 136  
19                  et seq.], the board may make reports to the United States environmental protection  
20                  agency in the form and containing the information as that agency requires.  
21                  5. Rules to implement this chapter may provide for:  
22                  a. The collection, examination, and reporting of samples of pesticides.  
23                  b. The safe handling, transportation, storage, display, distribution, and disposal of  
24                  pesticides and pesticides containers.  
25                  c. The identification of pests under this chapter when the board finds particular  
26                  organisms to be annoying or otherwise injurious or harmful to agriculture, health,  
27                  and the environment.  
28                  **4.1-33-04. Limitation on authority of political subdivisions regarding pesticides.**  
29                  A political subdivision, including a home rule city or county, may not adopt or continue in  
30                  effect any ordinance, resolution, or home rule charter provision regarding the registration,

1 labeling, distribution, sale, handling, use, application, transportation, or disposal of pesticides.

2 This section does not apply to city zoning ordinances.

3 **4.1-33-05. Application to governmental entities and public utilities.**

4 All governmental agencies and public utilities are subject to this chapter and rules adopted  
5 under this chapter.

6 **4.1-33-06. Classification of commercial certificates.**

7 The board may classify commercial certificates to be issued under this chapter. The  
8 classifications may include pest control operators, wood treaters, ornamental or agricultural  
9 pesticide applicators, or right-of-way pesticide applicators. Separate classifications may be  
10 specified as to ground, aerial, or manual methods used by any applicator to apply pesticides or  
11 to the use of pesticides to control insects and plant diseases, rodents, or weeds. Each  
12 classification of certification may be subject to separate testing procedures and training  
13 requirements. A person may be required to pay an additional fee if the person desires to be  
14 certified in one or more of the classifications provided for by the board under this section.

15 **4.1-33-07. Commercial and public applicator's certification.**

- 16 1. A commercial or public applicator may not purchase, use, or supervise the use of a  
17 pesticide without first complying with the certification standards and requirements of  
18 this chapter, or other restrictions as may be determined by the board.
- 19 2. An individual may be certified as a commercial or public applicator within a  
20 classification if the individual successfully completes an examination for the  
21 classification as prescribed by the board and administered by the North Dakota state  
22 university extension service or the service's designee. An application for certification  
23 must be on a form prescribed by the board and accompanied by a reasonable  
24 examination fee set by the board.
- 25 3. If the North Dakota state university extension service, or its designee, finds, after  
26 examination as the board requires, the applicant qualified to apply pesticides in the  
27 classifications for which the applicant has applied and the applicant meets all other  
28 requirements of this chapter, the North Dakota state university extension service shall  
29 issue a commercial or a public applicator's certificate limited to the classifications in  
30 which the applicant is qualified.

1       4. If certification is not to be issued as applied for, the North Dakota state university  
2           extension service, or its designee, shall inform the applicant in writing of the reasons  
3           for not issuing the certification.

4       **4.1-33-08. Expiration of certification - Renewal.**

5       A certificate issued under section 4.1-33-07 expires as of the first day of April following two  
6       years from the date of issuance. A certificate is renewable every three years on April first. A  
7       certificate may be renewed upon completion of a seminar approved by the board or upon  
8       successfully completing an examination required by the board, or both, if required by the board.  
9       The board shall require a person holding a current valid certificate to take an examination within  
10       the three-year period if the board determines additional knowledge related to classifications for  
11       which the applicant has applied makes a new examination necessary or that a new evaluation  
12       is necessary to assure a continuing level of competence and ability to safely and properly use  
13       pesticides.

14       **4.1-33-09. Nonresident application - Designation of agent for service of process.**

- 15       1. A nonresident applying for certification as an applicator or dealer under this chapter  
16       shall file a written power of attorney in a form as to render effective the jurisdiction of  
17       the courts of this state over the nonresident applicant designating either:
- 18       a. North Dakota state university extension service or its designee as the  
19       nonresident's agent upon whom service of process may be had in the event of  
20       any suit against that nonresident person; or
- 21       b. The duly appointed nonresident person's resident agent upon whom process may  
22       be served as provided by law.
- 23       2. The extension service is allowed such fees for service as a registered agent as  
24       provided by law for designating resident agents. The nonresident must be furnished  
25       with a copy of the designation of the extension service or of a resident agent. The  
26       copy must be duly certified by the extension service.

27       **4.1-33-10. Proof of financial responsibility - Exceptions.**

- 28       1. A commercial applicator certificate may not be issued unless the applicant furnishes  
29       proof of financial responsibility. Financial responsibility must be maintained in the  
30       amount of one hundred thousand dollars. Financial responsibility may be  
31       demonstrated by a notarized letter from an officer of a financial institution or from a

1 certified public accountant attesting to the existence of net assets equal to at least one  
2 hundred thousand dollars, a performance bond, or a general liability insurance policy.  
3 The performance bond or insurance policy must contain a provision requiring the  
4 issuing company to notify the agriculture commissioner at least ten days before the  
5 effective date of cancellation, termination, or other modification of the bond or  
6 insurance policy. When requested by the agriculture commissioner, a commercial  
7 applicator immediately shall furnish proof of compliance with this section. If the  
8 applicator is unable to furnish the required proof, the commissioner may stop a  
9 pesticide application and not allow resumption until the applicator furnishes proof of  
10 compliance. The agriculture commissioner shall immediately suspend the certification  
11 of a commercial applicator who fails to maintain the financial responsibility standards  
12 of this section. If there is any recovery against the commercial applicator, the  
13 applicator shall demonstrate continued compliance with the requirements of this  
14 section. An application for reinstatement of a certificate suspended under this section  
15 must be accompanied by proof that any judgment previously rendered against the  
16 applicant has been satisfied.

17 2. This section does not apply to:

- 18 a. A rancher who must obtain a commercial applicator certificate for controlling  
19 noxious weeds on the leased federal acreage as a condition of a federal  
20 grasslands lease.
- 21 b. A grazing association and its members if either the association or any member  
22 must obtain a commercial applicator certificate for controlling noxious weeds on  
23 the leased federal acreage as a condition of a federal grasslands lease.
- 24 c. A person who must be certified in the right-of-way category.
- 25 d. A commercial applicator who controls noxious weeds on grassland, land  
26 producing tame hay, or other lands not devoted to the production of an annual  
27 crop.
- 28 e. An employee of a commercial applicator if the commercial applicator complies  
29 with this section.

1        **4.1-33-11. Pesticide dealer certification - Employees - Requirements for purchase.**

2        1. A pesticide dealer may not distribute restricted use pesticides or act as a restricted use  
3        pesticide dealer, without first having obtained certification from the North Dakota state  
4        university extension service, or the service's designee. During hours the business is  
5        open, a certified person must be at any location or outlet from which restricted use  
6        pesticides are distributed. Any manufacturer or distributor that has no pesticide dealer  
7        outlet within this state and which distributes such pesticides directly into this state shall  
8        obtain a pesticide dealer certificate for its principal out-of-state location or outlet.

9        2. Application for a certificate must be on a form prescribed by the board accompanied  
10       by an examination fee set by the board. The application must include the address of  
11       each outlet, the principal business address of the applicant, the name of a person  
12       domiciled in this state authorized to receive and accept service of summons of legal  
13       notices of all kinds for the applicant, and any other necessary information prescribed  
14       by the board.

15       3. The board shall require each pesticide dealer to demonstrate to the North Dakota  
16       state university extension service or the service's designee knowledge of pesticide  
17       laws and regulations; pesticide hazards to humans, animals, and the environment; and  
18       the safe distribution, disposal, and use and application of pesticides by satisfactorily  
19       passing an examination or meeting other requirements as prescribed by the board  
20       within each classification for which certification is sought.

21       4. Each pesticide dealer is responsible for the acts of each individual employed by the  
22       dealer in the solicitation and sale of restricted use pesticides and all claims and  
23       recommendations for use of such pesticides. The dealer's certification is subject to  
24       suspension or revocation, after a hearing, for any violation of this chapter committed  
25       by the dealer or by the dealer's officer, agent, or employee.

26       5. A certificate issued under this section expires on the first day of April following two  
27       years from the date of issuance. A certificate is renewable every three years on April  
28       first. The board may condition renewal of a certificate upon completion of a seminar  
29       approved by the board or successful completion of an examination required by the  
30       board, or both. The board may require any person holding a current valid certificate to  
31       take an examination within the three-year period if the board determines additional

1 knowledge related to pesticides makes an additional examination necessary or that a  
2 new evaluation is necessary to assure a continuing level of competence and ability to  
3 safely and properly distribute pesticides.

4 6. Restricted use pesticides may be sold only to:

5 a. Persons certified as applicators by this state; and

6 b. Persons certified to use restricted use pesticides by another state, provided the  
7 pesticide control board determines the certifying state's requirements are  
8 substantially similar to those of this state and that the person does not use the  
9 restricted use pesticide in this state.

10 **4.1-33-12. Private applicators - Certification.**

11 1. a. An individual who would be a private applicator, if certified, may not buy any  
12 restricted use pesticide unless the individual first complies with the certification  
13 requirements established by the board.

14 b. An individual who would be a private applicator, if certified, may not use any  
15 restricted use pesticide unless the individual:

16 (1) Complies with the certification requirements established by the board; or

17 (2) Is under the direct supervision of a certified applicator.

18 2. Certification standards to determine the individual's competency with respect to the  
19 use and handling of the pesticide or class of pesticides the private applicator is to be  
20 certified to use must be determined by the board. In determining these standards, the  
21 board shall consider similar standards of the United States environmental protection  
22 agency. The North Dakota state university extension service, or its designee, shall  
23 issue a certificate to any private applicator who has qualified as prescribed by the  
24 board. The North Dakota state university extension service, or its designee, may  
25 require any applicant required to be certified under this section to pay a reasonable  
26 fee, not greater than the cost to the North Dakota state university extension service,  
27 for materials provided to the applicant for training and education.

28 **4.1-33-13. Unlawful acts - Grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of a**  
29 **certification.**

30 It is a violation of this chapter for any person to:



- 1       1. Make false or fraudulent claims through any media, misrepresenting the effect of
- 2           materials or methods to be utilized, or advertise a pesticide without reference to its
- 3           classification.
- 4       2. Make a pesticide recommendation, application, or use inconsistent with the labeling or
- 5           other restrictions prescribed by the board.
- 6       3. Apply materials known by that person to be ineffective or improper.
- 7       4. Operate faulty or unsafe equipment.
- 8       5. Operate in a faulty, careless, or negligent manner.
- 9       6. Neglect or, after notice, refuse to comply with this chapter, the rules adopted to
- 10           implement this chapter, or any lawful order of the commissioner.
- 11       7. Refuse or neglect to keep and maintain the records required by this chapter or to
- 12           make reports when and as required.
- 13       8. Make false or fraudulent records, invoices, or reports.
- 14       9. Apply pesticide to the property of another, without the permission of the owner or
- 15           lessee, unless the application is made under the direction of a governmental entity.
- 16       10. Use fraud or misrepresentation in making an application for, or for renewal of,
- 17           certification.
- 18       11. Refuse or neglect to comply with any limitations or restrictions on or in a duly issued
- 19           certification.
- 20       12. Aid or abet a person to evade this chapter, conspire with a person to evade this
- 21           chapter, or allow the person's certification to be used by another person.
- 22       13. Knowingly make false statements during or after an inspection or an investigation.
- 23       14. Impersonate a federal, state, county, or city inspector or official.
- 24       15. Distribute any restricted use pesticide to any person who is not properly certified to
- 25           use or purchase the pesticide.
- 26       16. Buy, use, or supervise the use of any pesticide without first complying with the
- 27           certification requirements of this chapter, unless otherwise exempted.
- 28       17. Apply any pesticide that is not registered under chapter 4.1-34.

29       **4.1-33-14. Records - Retention - Submission to commissioner.**

30       The board shall require pesticide dealers, commercial applicators, and public applicators to  
31 maintain records of sales and purchases of restricted use and special exemption pesticides.

1 The board shall require commercial applicators and public applicators to maintain records of all  
2 applications of pesticides. The board may require restricted use pesticide application records of  
3 private applicators. The records must be kept for a period of three years from the date of the  
4 application, sale, or purchase of the pesticide. Upon request, all or any requested part of these  
5 records must be submitted to the commissioner.

6 **4.1-33-15. Reciprocal agreement.**

7 The North Dakota state university extension service, or its designee, may issue a  
8 certification on a reciprocal basis, without examination, to a nonresident who is certified to buy,  
9 distribute, or use restricted use pesticides under a plan substantially similar to this chapter and  
10 after the applicant has paid a fee, set by the board, not greater than the fee or charge  
11 authorized under section 4.1-33-07, 4.1-33-11, or 4.1-33-12 if the applicant would have taken  
12 the appropriate examination. Such a certification may be suspended or revoked in the same  
13 manner and on the same grounds as certifications under this chapter, and must be suspended  
14 or revoked if the nonresident's home state certification is suspended or revoked.

15 **4.1-33-16. Certification exemptions.**

16 1. The certification requirements of this chapter do not apply to an individual applying  
17 nonrestricted use pesticides under the direct supervision of a commercial applicator,  
18 unless the pesticide label requires that a certified applicator personally apply the  
19 pesticide. A pesticide is applied under the direct supervision of a commercial applicator  
20 if the pesticide is applied by an individual acting under the instruction and control of a  
21 certified applicator who is physically available if needed. The certified applicator need  
22 not be present when the pesticide is applied. Direct supervision with respect to  
23 applications using aircraft requires that the pilot of the aircraft be appropriately  
24 certified. The certification requirements of this chapter do not apply to a competent  
25 person applying restricted use pesticides under the direct supervision of a private  
26 applicator, unless the pesticide label requires that a certified applicator personally  
27 apply the particular pesticide. A pesticide is deemed to be applied under the direct  
28 supervision of a private applicator if it is applied by a competent person acting under  
29 the instruction and control of a private applicator who is available if and when needed,  
30 even though the private applicator is not physically present at the time and place that  
31 the pesticide is applied.

1       2.   The certification requirements of this chapter do not apply to any person conducting  
2           laboratory-type research using restricted use pesticides or to a doctor of medicine or a  
3           doctor of veterinary medicine applying a pesticide as a drug or as medication during  
4           the course of normal practice.

5       **4.1-33-17. Discarding and storing of pesticides, pesticide containers, and rinsate.**

6       A person may not discard, store, display, or permit the disposal of surplus pesticides, empty  
7       pesticide containers and devices, or rinsate in such a manner as to endanger the environment  
8       or to endanger food, feed, or any other products that may be stored, displayed, or distributed  
9       with such pesticides. The board shall adopt rules governing the discarding, storage, display, or  
10       disposal of any pesticide, rinsate, pesticide containers, or devices.

11       **4.1-33-18. Pesticide application - Alleged property damage - Notification of applicator.**

12       1.   a.   Before a person may file a civil action seeking reimbursement for property  
13           damage allegedly stemming from the application of a pesticide, the person shall  
14           notify by certified mail the pesticide applicator of the alleged damage within the  
15           earlier of:

16           (1) Twenty-eight days from the date the person first knew or should have known  
17           of the alleged damage; or

18           (2) Before twenty percent of the crop or field allegedly damaged is harvested or  
19           destroyed.

20       b.   Subdivision a does not apply if the person seeking reimbursement for property  
21           damage was the applicator of the pesticide.

22       2.   Upon notifying the applicator as required under subsection 1, the person seeking  
23           reimbursement for the alleged property damage shall permit the applicator and up to  
24           four representatives of the applicator to enter the person's property for the purpose of  
25           observing and examining the alleged damage. If the person fails to allow entry, the  
26           person is barred from asserting a claim against the applicator.

27       **4.1-33-19. Subpoenas.**

28       In any hearing to enforce this chapter, the commissioner may issue subpoenas to compel  
29       the attendance of witnesses or production of books, documents, and records pertaining to  
30       pesticide applications, sales, and purchases in the state.

1        **4.1-33-20. Penalties.**

- 2        1. Any person other than a private applicator who knowingly violates this chapter is guilty  
3        of a class A misdemeanor.
- 4        2. Any private applicator who knowingly violates this chapter is guilty of a class B  
5        misdemeanor.
- 6        3. When construing and enforcing the provisions of this chapter, the act, omission, or  
7        failure of any officer, agent, or other person acting for or employed by any person must  
8        in every case be also deemed to be the act, omission, or failure of such person as well  
9        as that of the person employed.
- 10       4. A person who violates this chapter or the rules adopted under this chapter is subject to  
11       a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars for each violation. The civil penalty  
12       may be imposed by a court in a civil proceeding or by the agriculture commissioner  
13       through an adjudicative proceeding pursuant to chapter 28-32. The assessment of a  
14       civil penalty does not preclude the imposition of other sanctions authorized by law, this  
15       chapter, or rules adopted under this chapter.
- 16       5. After providing an opportunity for a hearing, the commissioner may deny, suspend,  
17       revoke, or modify the provision of any certification issued under this chapter, if the  
18       commissioner determines that the applicant for certification or the holder of a  
19       certificate has violated this chapter or any rules adopted under this chapter.

20       **4.1-33-21. Enforcement.**

- 21       1. The commissioner shall enforce the requirements of this chapter and any rules  
22       adopted under this chapter.
- 23       2. The commissioner may bring an action to enjoin the violation or threatened violation of  
24       this chapter, or any rule adopted under this chapter, in the district court of the county in  
25       which the violation occurs or is about to occur.
- 26       3. If any person violates this chapter, the commissioner may issue an order requiring the  
27       person to cease and desist from the unlawful activity. If the violator fails to obey, the  
28       commissioner shall cause the appropriate criminal complaint to be filed.
- 29       4. The commissioner may enter upon any public or private premises at reasonable times,  
30       to:

- 1           a. Inspect any equipment subject to this chapter and the premises on which the  
2                   equipment is stored or used.
- 3           b. Inspect or sample lands actually or reported to be exposed to pesticides.
- 4           c. Inspect storage or disposal areas.
- 5           d. Inspect or investigate complaints of injury to humans or land.
- 6           e. Draw samples of a reasonable amount of tank mix pesticides and tank mixes  
7                   without compensation to the owner for values less than three dollars.
- 8           f. Observe the use and application of a pesticide.
- 9           g. Inspect any place where pesticides or devices are stored or held for distribution,  
10                   sale, or use, and obtain samples of any pesticides packaged, labeled, and  
11                   released for shipment and samples of any containers or labeling for the  
12                   pesticides.
- 13        5.   a. At any reasonable time, the commissioner may access records pertaining to the  
14                   pesticide application, sales, purchases, and repackaging by any person. The  
15                   commissioner may copy or make copies of the records for the purpose of this  
16                   chapter. These records are confidential. However, the commissioner may use  
17                   these records in any way to enforce this chapter. Any record the commissioner  
18                   uses as an exhibit in an enforcement action is no longer a confidential record.
- 19           b. If an individual alleges exposure to pesticides and if the individual's medical  
20                   provider requests that the commissioner reveal the name of the pesticide, the  
21                   commissioner may reveal the name of the pesticide to the individual making the  
22                   request, together with the registration number assigned by the United States  
23                   environmental protection agency. The commissioner may require a request under  
24                   this section be made in writing.
- 25        6. If access is refused or if the commissioner determines critical enforcement  
26                   documentation may be lost, the commissioner may apply to any court for a search  
27                   warrant authorizing access to land or records. Upon compliance with chapter 29-29.1,  
28                   the court may issue the search warrant for the purposes requested.
- 29        7. The commissioner may suspend or revoke a certification issued under this chapter for  
30                   failure to pay a civil penalty within thirty days after a final determination is made that  
31                   the civil penalty is owed.

1        **4.1-33-22. Stop-sale orders.**

2        If the commissioner has reason to believe on the basis of inspection or tests that any  
3 pesticide or device is in violation of any provision of this chapter, or if the registration of the  
4 pesticide has been canceled or suspended by the state or United States environmental  
5 protection agency, the commissioner may issue a written or printed "stop-sale, use, or removal"  
6 order to any person who owns, controls, or has custody of the pesticide or device. After receipt  
7 of the order, a person may not sell, use, or remove the pesticide or device described in the  
8 order except in accordance with the provisions of the order.

9        **4.1-33-23. Information and instruction.**

10       In cooperation with private, local, state, or federal agencies, the board may publish  
11 information and conduct short courses of instruction in the areas of knowledge required by this  
12 chapter.

13       **4.1-33-24. Cooperation by the board with other entities.**

14       The board may cooperate, receive grants-in-aid, and enter cooperative agreements with  
15 any agency of the federal government, of this state or its subdivisions, or with any agency of  
16 another state, to:

- 17       1. Secure uniformity of regulations.
- 18       2. Enter cooperative agreements with and submit plans to the United States  
19 environmental protection agency for approval to issue experimental use permits under  
20 the authority of this chapter and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide  
21 Act [7 U.S.C. 136 et seq.].
- 22       3. Cooperate in the enforcement of the federal pesticide control laws and state laws  
23 through the use of state or federal personnel and facilities and to implement  
24 cooperative enforcement programs.
- 25       4. Enter contracts with other agencies, including federal agencies, for the purpose of  
26 training pesticide applicators, managers, dealers, and pesticide consultants.
- 27       5. Gain assistance in implementation of this chapter.
- 28       6. Regulate certified applicators.
- 29       7. Comply with other purposes prescribed by rules of the commissioner.

1        **4.1-33-25. Disposition of funds - Certification and training fund.**

2        All moneys received by the pesticide control board under this chapter must be deposited to  
3 the credit of the certification and training fund under the control of the board.

4        **SECTION 3.** Chapter 4.1-34 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
5 follows:

6        **4.1-34-01. Definitions.**

7        For the purposes of this chapter, unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires:

8        1. "Active ingredient" means:

9            a. In the case of a pesticide other than a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant, any  
10 ingredient that will prevent, destroy, repel, or mitigate pests.

11           b. In the case of a plant regulator, any ingredient that, through physiological action,  
12 will accelerate or retard the rate of growth or rate of maturation or otherwise alter  
13 the behavior of ornamental or crop plants or the product thereof.

14           c. In the case of a defoliant, any ingredient that will cause the leaves or foliage to  
15 drop from a plant.

16           d. In the case of a desiccant, any ingredient that will artificially accelerate the drying  
17 of plant tissue.

18        2. "Adulterated" applies to any pesticide if its strength or purity falls below the professed  
19 standard or quality as expressed on labeling or under which it is sold, or if any  
20 substance has been substituted wholly or in part for the pesticide, or if any valuable  
21 constituent of the pesticide has been wholly or in part abstracted.

22        3. "Antidote" means the most practical immediate treatment in case of poisoning and  
23 includes first-aid treatment.

24        4. "Commissioner" means the agriculture commissioner and includes any employee or  
25 agent designated by the commissioner.

26        5. "Defoliant" means any substance or mixture of substances intended to cause the  
27 leaves or foliage to drop from a plant with or without causing abscission.

28        6. "Desiccant" means any substance or mixture of substances intended to artificially  
29 accelerate the drying of plant tissues.

- 1       7. "Device" means any instrument or contrivance intended for trapping, destroying,  
2       repelling, or mitigating pests but does not include equipment used for the application  
3       of pesticides when sold separately therefrom, or rodent traps.
- 4       8. "Environment" means air, water, land, and all plants and man and other animals living  
5       therein and the interrelationships that exist among these.
- 6       9. "Federal Act" means the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act [7 U.S.C.  
7       136 et seq.].
- 8       10. "Fungi" means all non-chlorophyll-bearing thallophytes, that is, all  
9       non-chlorophyll-bearing plants of a lower order than mosses and liverworts, as, for  
10       example, rusts, smuts, mildews, molds, yeasts, and bacteria, except those on or in  
11       living man or other animals, and those on or in processed food, beverages, or  
12       pharmaceuticals.
- 13       11. "Fungicide" means any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing,  
14       destroying, repelling, or mitigating any fungi.
- 15       12. "Herbicide" means any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing,  
16       destroying, repelling, or mitigating any weed.
- 17       13. "Inert ingredient" means an ingredient that is not an active ingredient.
- 18       14. "Ingredient statement" means:
- 19       a. A statement of the name and percentage of each active ingredient, together with  
20       the total percentage of the inert ingredients, in the pesticide; or
- 21       b. A statement of the name of all active ingredients in the order of their  
22       predominance in the product, together with the name of each and total  
23       percentage of any inert ingredients in the pesticide, except subdivision a applies  
24       if the preparation is highly toxic to humans, determined as provided in section  
25       4.1-34-06, and in addition to subsections 1 and 2 of section 4.1-34-06. If the  
26       pesticide contains arsenic in any form, a statement must contain the percentages  
27       of total and water-soluble arsenic, each calculated as elemental arsenic.
- 28       15. "Insect" means any of the numerous small invertebrate animals generally having the  
29       body more or less obviously segmented, for the most part belonging to the class  
30       insecta, comprising six-legged, usually winged forms, as for example, beetles, bugs,  
31       bees, flies, and to other allied classes of arthropods whose members are wingless and



1 usually have more than six legs, as, for example, spiders, mites, ticks, centipedes, and  
2 wood lice.

3 16. "Insecticide" means any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing,  
4 destroying, repelling, or mitigating any insects that may be present in any  
5 environment.

6 17. "Label" means the written, printed, or graphic matter on, or attached to, the pesticide  
7 or device, or any of its containers or wrappers.

8 18. "Labeling" means all labels and other written, printed, or graphic matter:

9 a. Upon the pesticide or device or any of its containers or wrappers;

10 b. Accompanying the pesticide or device at any time; or

11 c. To which reference is made on the label or in literature accompanying the  
12 pesticide or device, except when accurate, nonmisleading reference is made to  
13 current official publications of a state or federal agency, state agricultural  
14 experiment station, or state agricultural college.

15 19. "Misbranded" applies:

16 a. To any pesticide or device if its labeling bears any statement, design, or graphic  
17 representation relative to the pesticide or device or to its ingredients which is  
18 false or misleading in any particular; and

19 b. To any pesticide:

20 (1) If the pesticide is an imitation of or is offered for sale under the name of  
21 another pesticide;

22 (2) If the pesticide's labeling bears any reference to registration under this  
23 chapter;

24 (3) If the labeling accompanying the pesticide does not contain directions for  
25 use which are necessary and, if complied with, adequate to protect health  
26 and the environment;

27 (4) If the label does not contain a warning or caution statement that may be  
28 necessary and, if complied with, adequate to protect health and the  
29 environment;

30 (5) If the label does not bear an ingredient statement on that part of the  
31 immediate container and, if there is an outside container or wrapper, if the

1 outside container or wrapper does not have affixed a correct copy of the  
2 required labeling information from the immediate container or does not  
3 contain an opening through which the ingredient statement on the  
4 immediate container can be clearly read, of the retail package that is  
5 presented or displayed under customary conditions of purchase; except that  
6 a pesticide is not misbranded under this subsection if:

7 (a) The size or form of the immediate container, or the outside container  
8 or wrapper of the retail package, makes it impracticable to place the  
9 ingredient statement on the part that is presented or displayed under  
10 customary conditions of purchase; and

11 (b) The ingredient statement appears prominently on another part of the  
12 immediate container, or outside container or wrapper, permitted by the  
13 commissioner;

14 (6) The labeling does not contain a statement of the use classification under  
15 which the product is registered if the product is a restricted use pesticide;

16 (7) There is no label information affixed to its container, and, if there is an  
17 outside container or wrapper of the retail package, there is no label  
18 information affixed to the outside container or wrapper and the outside  
19 container or wrapper does not contain an opening through which the label  
20 information on the immediate container can be clearly read. The label  
21 information must include:

22 (a) The name and address of the producer, registrant, or person for  
23 whom produced;

24 (b) The name, brand, or trademark under which the pesticide is sold; and

25 (c) The net weight or measure of the content;

26 (8) The pesticide contains any substance or substances in quantities highly  
27 toxic to humans, unless the label bears, in addition to any other matter  
28 required by this chapter:

29 (a) The skull and crossbones;

30 (b) The word "poison" prominently in red on a background of distinctly  
31 contrasting color; and

- 1                   (c) A statement of a first aid or other practical treatment in case of  
2                   poisoning by the pesticide;
- 3                   (9) If any word, statement, or other information required under this chapter to  
4                   appear on the labeling is not prominently placed thereon with such  
5                   conspicuousness, as compared with other words, statements, designs, or  
6                   graphic matter in the labeling, and in such terms as to render it likely to be  
7                   read and understood by the ordinary individual under customary conditions  
8                   of purchase and use;
- 9                   (10) If in the case of an insecticide, nematocide, fungicide, or herbicide, when  
10                   used as directed or in accordance with commonly recognized practice, it is  
11                   injurious to humans or vertebrate animals or vegetation, except weeds to  
12                   which it is applied, or to the individual applying the pesticide; or
- 13                   (11) If a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant when used as directed is injurious  
14                   to humans or vertebrate animals, or the vegetation to which it is applied.  
15                   The physical or physiological effect on plants may not be deemed injurious  
16                   when this is the purpose for which the plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant  
17                   is applied in accordance with label claims and recommendations.
- 18                   20. "Nematocide" means any substance intended to prevent, destroy, repel, or mitigate  
19                   nematodes.
- 20                   21. "Nematode" means any of the nonsegmented roundworms harmful to agricultural  
21                   plants.
- 22                   22. "Person" means any individual, partnership, association, corporation, limited liability  
23                   company, or organized group of persons whether incorporated or not.
- 24                   23. "Pest" means any insect, rodent, nematode, fungus, weed, or any other form of  
25                   terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life, viruses, bacteria, or other micro-organisms  
26                   except viruses, bacteria, or other micro-organisms on or in living humans or animals.
- 27                   24. "Pesticide" means any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing,  
28                   destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pests and any substance or mixture of  
29                   substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant.
- 30                   25. "Plant regulator" means any substance or mixture of substances intended, through  
31                   physiological action, to accelerate or retard the rate of growth or maturation, or to

1 otherwise alter the behavior of ornamental or crop plants or the produce thereof, but  
2 does not include substances insofar as they are intended to be used as plant  
3 nutrients, trace elements, nutritional chemicals, plant inoculants, or soil amendments.  
4 The term "plant regulator" does not include any of such of those nutrient mixtures or  
5 soil amendments as are commonly known as vitamin-hormone horticultural products,  
6 intended for improvement, maintenance, survival, health, and propagation of plants,  
7 and as are not for pest destruction and are nontoxic and nonpoisonous in the  
8 undiluted packaged concentration.

9 26. "Protect health and environment" means protection against any unreasonable adverse  
10 effects on the environment.

11 27. "Registrant" means the person registering any pesticide pursuant to this chapter.

12 28. "Restricted use pesticides" means any pesticide formulation that is classified for  
13 restricted use by the United States environmental protection agency. The term also  
14 includes a pesticide formulation classified for restricted use by the commissioner  
15 under section 4.1-34-06.

16 29. "Rodenticide" means any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing,  
17 destroying, repelling, or mitigating rodents or any other vertebrate animal that the  
18 commissioner declares to be a pest.

19 30. "Snails" or "slugs" includes all harmful agricultural mollusks.

20 31. "Unreasonable adverse effects on the environment" means any unreasonable risk to  
21 humans or the environment, taking into account the economic, social, and  
22 environmental costs and benefits of the use of any pesticide.

23 32. "Weed" means any plant that grows where not wanted.

24 **4.1-34-02. Prohibited acts.**

- 25 1. A person may not distribute, sell, or offer for sale within this state or deliver for  
26 transportation or transport in intrastate commerce or between points within this state  
27 through any point outside this state any of the following:  
28 a. Any pesticide that has not been registered under section 4.1-34-03, or any  
29 pesticide if any of the claims made for it or any of the directions for its use differ in  
30 substance from the representations made in connection with its registration, or if  
31 the composition of a pesticide differs from its composition as represented in

1           connection with its registration. The commissioner may allow a change in the  
2           labeling or formula of a pesticide to be made within a registration period without  
3           requiring reregistration of the product.

4           b. Any pesticide unless the pesticide is in:

5           (1) The registrant's or the manufacturer's unbroken immediate container; or

6           (2) A container repackaged by a facility or person with a United States  
7           environmental protection agency issued establishment number, and there is  
8           affixed to such container, and to any outside container or wrapper of the  
9           retail package, a correct copy of the required labeling information from the  
10           immediate container or there is in the outside container or wrapper an  
11           opening through which the required labeling information on the immediate  
12           container can be clearly read.

13           c. The pesticide commonly known as standard lead arsenate, basic lead arsenate,  
14           calcium arsenate, magnesium arsenate, zinc arsenate, zinc arsenite, sodium  
15           fluoride, sodium fluosilicate, and barium fluosilicate unless the pesticide has been  
16           distinctly colored or discolored as provided by rules issued in accordance with  
17           this chapter, or any other white powder pesticide that the commissioner, after  
18           investigation of and after public hearing on the necessity for the action for the  
19           protection of the public health and the feasibility of the coloration or discoloration,  
20           by rule, requires to be distinctly colored or discolored; unless it has been so  
21           colored or discolored. The commissioner may exempt any pesticide to the extent  
22           it is intended for a particular use or uses from the coloring or discoloring required  
23           or authorized by this section if the commissioner determines the coloring or  
24           discoloring for the use is not necessary for the protection of the public health.

25           d. Any pesticide that is adulterated or misbranded, or any device that is  
26           misbranded.

27           2. A person may not detach, alter, deface, or destroy, in whole or in part, any label or  
28           labeling provided for in this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter, or to add any  
29           substance to, or take any substance from, a pesticide in a manner that may defeat the  
30           purpose of this chapter.

1       3. A person may not use for the person's own advantage or reveal other than in response  
2       to a proper subpoena, except to a physician or other qualified person for use in the  
3       preparation of an antidote, any information relative to the formula of any product  
4       acquired by authority of this chapter.

5       **4.1-34-03. Registration - Fees - Deposit of collections.**

6       1. Before selling or offering for sale any pesticide for use within this state, a person shall  
7       file biennially with the commissioner an application for registration of the pesticide. The  
8       application must:

9       a. Give the name and address of each manufacturer or distributor.

10      b. Give the name and brand of each product to be registered.

11      c. Be accompanied by a current label of each product to be registered.

12      d. Be accompanied by a registration fee of three hundred fifty dollars for each  
13      product to be registered.

14      e. Be accompanied by a material safety data sheet for each product to be  
15      registered.

16      2. The commissioner may require an applicant or registrant to provide efficacy, toxicity,  
17      residue, and any other data necessary to determine if the pesticide will perform its  
18      intended function without unreasonable adverse effects on the environment. If the  
19      commissioner finds the application conforms to law, the commissioner shall issue to  
20      the applicant a certificate of registration of the product.

21      3. Each registration covers a designated two-year period beginning January first of each  
22      even-numbered year and expiring December thirty-first of the following year. A  
23      certificate of registration may not be issued for a term longer than two years, and is not  
24      transferable from one person to another, or from the ownership to which it is issued to  
25      another ownership. A penalty of fifty percent of the license or registration fee must be  
26      imposed if the license or certificate of registration is not applied for on or before  
27      January thirty-first following the expiration date. Each product must go through a  
28      two-year discontinuance period in order to clear all outstanding products in the  
29      channel of trade.

1       4. This section does not apply to a pesticide sold by a retail dealer if the registration fee  
2       has been paid by the manufacturer, jobber, or any other person, as required by this  
3       section.

4       5. At the close of each calendar month, the commissioner shall transmit to the state  
5       treasurer all moneys received for the registrations under this section. The state  
6       treasurer shall credit the registration fees to the environment and rangeland protection  
7       fund.

8       **4.1-34-04. Reporting requirements.**

9       Within thirty days after request by the commissioner, a registrant shall report the amount  
10      and type of each registered pesticide sold, offered for sale, or otherwise distributed in the state.  
11      The information required must include the brand name, amount, and formulation of each  
12      pesticide sold, offered for sale, or otherwise distributed in the state. However, specific brand  
13      names may not be identified in any report or otherwise made public.

14      **4.1-34-05. Protection of trade secrets.**

- 15      1. In submitting data required by this chapter, the applicant may:
- 16          a. Clearly mark any portions that the applicant requests the commissioner to  
17          determine to be trade secrets or commercial or financial information; and
- 18          b. Submit the marked material separately from other material.
- 19      2. After consideration of the applicant's request submitted under subsection 1, the  
20      commissioner may not make any information public which in the commissioner's  
21      judgment contains or relates to trade secrets or to commercial or financial information  
22      obtained from an applicant. When necessary, information relating to formulas of  
23      products may be revealed to any state or federal agency consulted with similar  
24      protection of trade secret authority and may be revealed at a public hearing or in  
25      findings of facts issued by the commissioner.
- 26      3. If the commissioner proposes to release information that the applicant or registrant  
27      believes to be protected from disclosure under this section, the commissioner shall  
28      notify the applicant or registrant by certified mail. The commissioner may not make the  
29      information available for inspection until thirty days after receipt of the notice by the  
30      applicant or registrant. During this period, the applicant or registrant may institute an

1 action in an appropriate court for a declaratory judgment as to whether the information  
2 is subject to protection under this section.

3 **4.1-34-06. Determinations - Rules - Uniformity.**

4 1. After providing an opportunity for a hearing, the commissioner may:

5 a. Declare as a pest any form of plant or animal life or virus which is injurious to  
6 plants, humans, domestic animals, articles, or substances.

7 b. Determine whether pesticides are highly toxic to humans and whether their use  
8 should be restricted.

9 c. Determine standards of coloring or discoloring for pesticides and to subject  
10 pesticides to the requirements of subdivision c of subsection 1 of section  
11 4.1-34-02.

12 2. The commissioner may adopt appropriate rules for carrying out this chapter, including  
13 rules providing for the collection and examination of samples of pesticides or devices.  
14 The commissioner also may adopt rules, applicable to and in conformity with the  
15 primary standards established by this chapter, prescribed by the United States  
16 environmental protection agency with respect to pesticides to provide uniformity  
17 among the requirements of the several states and the federal government.

18 **4.1-34-07. Enforcement.**

19 The commissioner shall examine pesticides or devices for compliance with this chapter. If  
20 after examination the commissioner intends to initiate criminal proceedings against any person,  
21 the commissioner shall cause appropriate notice to be given to the person. Any person notified  
22 must be given an opportunity to present the person's views, either orally or in writing, with  
23 regard to the contemplated proceedings and if thereafter in the opinion of the commissioner it  
24 appears the chapter has been violated by the person, the commissioner shall refer the facts to  
25 the state's attorney for the county in which the violation has occurred with a copy of the results  
26 of the analysis or the examination of the article. The commissioner is not required to report for  
27 prosecution or for the institution of libel proceedings minor violations of this chapter if the  
28 commissioner believes the public interests will be best served by a suitable written notice of  
29 warning. A state's attorney to whom any violation is reported under this section, without delay,  
30 shall cause appropriate proceedings to be instituted and prosecuted in the proper court of



1 jurisdiction. The commissioner, by publication in the manner the commissioner prescribes, shall  
2 give notice of all judgments entered in actions instituted under the authority of this chapter.

3 **4.1-34-08. Stop-sale orders.**

4 The commissioner may issue and enforce a stop-sale order to the owner or custodian of  
5 any pesticide when the commissioner finds that the product is being offered for sale in violation  
6 of this chapter. The order must direct the product be held at a designated place until released in  
7 writing by the commissioner. The owner or custodian of the product has the right to petition a  
8 court of competent jurisdiction in the county where the product is found for an order releasing  
9 the product for sale in accordance with the findings of the court.

10 **4.1-34-09. Exemptions.**

- 11 1. The penalties provided for violations of section 4.1-34-02 do not apply to:
- 12 a. A carrier while lawfully engaged in transporting a pesticide within this state, if the  
13 carrier, upon request, permits the commissioner to copy all records showing the  
14 transactions in and movement of the articles.
- 15 b. A public official of this state or the federal government engaged in the  
16 performance of official duties.
- 17 c. The manufacturer or shipper of a pesticide for experimental use only:
- 18 (1) By or under the supervision of an agency of this state or of the federal  
19 government authorized by law to conduct research in the field of pesticides;  
20 or
- 21 (2) By others if the pesticide is not sold and if the pesticide container is plainly  
22 and conspicuously marked "For experimental use only - Not to be sold",  
23 together with the manufacturer's name and address.
- 24 c. A person using, distributing, selling, or offering for sale an unregistered pesticide  
25 for which the United States environmental protection agency has granted an  
26 emergency exemption for at least one use in North Dakota under section 18 of  
27 the federal Act.
- 28 2. An article may not be deemed in violation of this chapter when intended solely for  
29 export to a foreign country and when prepared or packed according to the  
30 specifications or directions of the purchaser. If not so exported, all the provisions of  
31 this chapter apply.

1        **4.1-34-10. Minimum-risk pesticide exemption.**

- 2        1. Section 4.1-34-02 does not apply to any person who distributes, sells, or offers for sale  
3        within this state or delivers for transportation or transports in intrastate commerce or  
4        between points within this state through any point outside this state a minimum-risk  
5        pesticide exempt from registration under the Federal Act, provided the person has  
6        obtained a certificate of exemption from the commissioner.
- 7        2. To obtain a certificate of exemption for a minimum-risk pesticide, a person shall file an  
8        application with the commissioner. The application must include:
- 9        a. The name and address of the product's manufacturer or distributor;  
10       b. The name and brand name of the product;  
11       c. A current label for the product; and  
12       d. A fee equal in amount to the fee set under section 4.1-34-03 for the registration of  
13       a pesticide.
- 14       3. The commissioner shall remit any fees collected under this section to the state  
15       treasurer for deposit in the environment and rangeland protection fund.
- 16       4. Each exemption from registration covers a designated two-year period beginning  
17       January first of each even-numbered year and expiring December thirty-first of the  
18       following year.

19       **4.1-34-11. Penalties.**

20       Any person violating this chapter is guilty of an infraction. If a registrant was issued a  
21       warning by the commissioner under this chapter, upon violating this chapter, other than  
22       subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 4.1-34-02, that registrant is guilty of a class A  
23       misdemeanor and the registration of the article with which the violation occurred automatically  
24       terminates. A pesticide for which the registration has been terminated may not again be  
25       registered unless the pesticide, its labeling, and other material required to be submitted appear  
26       to the commissioner to comply with the requirements of this chapter. In addition to any criminal  
27       penalty, a person found guilty of violating this chapter or the rules adopted under this chapter is  
28       subject to a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars for each violation. The civil penalty  
29       may be imposed by a court in a civil proceeding or by the commissioner through an  
30       administrative hearing under chapter 28-32.

1        **4.1-34-12. Seizures.**

2        1. Any pesticide or device that is distributed, sold, or offered for sale within this state or  
3        delivered for transportation or transported in intrastate commerce or between points  
4        within this state through any point outside this state is liable to be proceeded against in  
5        any proper court of jurisdiction in any county of the state where it may be found and  
6        seized for confiscation by process of libel for condemnation:

7        a. In the case of a pesticide:

8            (1) If it is adulterated or misbranded;

9            (2) If it has not been registered under section 4.1-34-03;

10          (3) If it fails to bear on its label the information required by this chapter; or

11          (4) If it is a white powder pesticide and is not colored as required under this  
12          chapter.

13          b. In the case of a device, if it is misbranded.

14        2. If the pesticide is condemned, after entry of decree, the pesticide must be disposed of  
15        by destruction or sale as the court may direct and any proceeds, less legal costs, must  
16        be paid to the state treasurer. The pesticide may not be sold contrary to the provisions  
17        of this chapter. Upon payment of cost and execution and delivery of a good and  
18        sufficient bond conditioned that the pesticide may not be disposed of unlawfully, the  
19        court may direct the pesticide be delivered to its owner for relabeling or reprocessing.  
20        When a decree of condemnation is entered against the pesticide, court costs and fees  
21        and storage and other proper expenses must be awarded against any person  
22        intervening as claimant of the pesticide.

23        **4.1-34-13. Cooperation.**

24        The commissioner may cooperate and enter agreements with any other agency of this state  
25        or of the federal government or any other state or agency thereof for the purpose of carrying out  
26        this chapter and securing uniformity of regulations.

27        **4.1-34-14. Experimental use permits.**

28        If the state is authorized by the administrator of the United States environmental protection  
29        agency to issue experimental use permits, the commissioner may:

30          1. Issue an experimental use permit to an applicant if the commissioner determines that  
31          the applicant requires the permit to accumulate information necessary to register a

- 1           pesticide use. An application for an experimental use permit may be filed when an  
2           application for registration is filed or before or after filing the application.  
3        2. Prescribe terms, conditions, and the period of time for use under the experimental use  
4           permit.  
5        3. Revoke an experimental use permit if the commissioner finds the permit's terms or  
6           conditions are being violated or that the permit's terms and conditions are inadequate  
7           to avoid unreasonable adverse effects to human health or the environment.

8        **4.1-34-15. Minimum-risk pesticide - Certificate of exemption.**

- 9        1. Section 4.1-34-02 does not apply to any person who distributes, sells, or offers for sale  
10           within this state or delivers for transportation or transports in intrastate commerce or  
11           between points within this state through any point outside this state a minimum-risk  
12           pesticide exempt from registration under the Federal Act, provided the person has  
13           obtained a certificate of exemption from the commissioner.  
14        2. To obtain a certificate of exemption for a minimum-risk pesticide, a person shall file an  
15           application with the commissioner. The application must include:  
16           a. The name and address of the product's manufacturer or distributor;  
17           b. The name and brand name of the product;  
18           c. A current label for the product; and  
19           d. A fee equal in amount to the fee set under section 4.1-34-03 for the registration of  
20           a pesticide.  
21        3. The commissioner shall remit any fees collected under this section to the state  
22           treasurer for deposit in the environment and rangeland protection fund.  
23        4. Each exemption from registration covers a designated two-year period beginning  
24           January first of each even-numbered year and expiring December thirty-first of the  
25           following year.

26        **SECTION 4.** Chapter 4.1-35 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
27 follows:

28        **4.1-35-01. Definitions.**

29        As used in this chapter:

- 30        1. "Chemigation" means any process by which chemicals, including pesticides and  
31           fertilizers, are applied to land or crops through an irrigation system.

- 1       2. "Commissioner" means the agriculture commissioner and includes any employee or
- 2           agent designated by the commissioner.
- 3       3. "Fertilizer" means any fertilizer as defined by section 4.1-40-01.
- 4       4. "Pesticide" means that term defined in section 4.1-33-01.
- 5       5. "State engineer" means the state engineer appointed by the state water commission
- 6           under section 61-03-01.

7       **4.1-35-02. Compliance with rules.**

8       Farm irrigation systems used for chemigation which are designed, constructed, and  
9 operated in compliance with rules adopted under this chapter are considered to be in  
10 compliance with this chapter.

11       **4.1-35-03. Rules - Standards for chemigation, installation, maintenance, and**  
12 **modifications.**

13       The commissioner shall adopt rules regulating chemigation through irrigation systems in  
14 this state to minimize the possibility of chemical, pesticide, fertilizer, or other contamination of  
15 irrigation water supply and other rules as necessary to implement this chapter. The  
16 commissioner may establish by rule standards for application of pesticides and fertilizers  
17 through irrigation systems; for installation and maintenance of all equipment and devices used  
18 for chemigation purposes; modifications or changes in design, technology, or irrigation  
19 practices; or other purposes relating to the use or placement of equipment or devices. The  
20 commissioner may adopt rules requiring periodic calibration and inspection of equipment and  
21 system operation during periods of chemigation.

22       **4.1-35-04. Inspections - Assistance of state engineer.**

23       The state engineer shall cooperate with the commissioner in the inspection of any irrigation  
24 system using chemigation. The state engineer shall inform the commissioner of any violation of  
25 this chapter which is discovered in the course of the state engineer's regular inspections of  
26 irrigation systems using chemigation.

27       **4.1-35-05. Enforcement.**

- 28       1. The commissioner shall enforce this chapter and any rules adopted under this chapter.
- 29       2. The commissioner may seek an injunction in the district court in the county in which a
- 30           violation occurs or may issue a cease and desist order to any person for any alleged
- 31           violation of this chapter or any rules adopted under this chapter.

- 1       3. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter, the commissioner and  
2       the state engineer may enter upon any public or private premises at reasonable times  
3       in order to:
- 4       a. Have access for the purpose of inspecting any equipment subject to this chapter  
5       and the premises on which the equipment is stored or used.
- 6       b. Inspect or sample lands actually, or reported to be, exposed to pesticides or  
7       fertilizers through chemigation.
- 8       c. Inspect storage or disposal areas.
- 9       d. Inspect or investigate complaints of injury to humans or animals.
- 10      e. Sample pesticides and fertilizers and pesticide or fertilizer mixes being applied or  
11      to be applied.
- 12      f. Observe the use and application of a pesticide or fertilizer through chemigation.
- 13      g. Have access for the purpose of inspecting a premise or other place where  
14      equipment or devices used for chemigation are held for distribution, sale, or use.

15      **4.1-35-06. Penalties.**

- 16      1. Any person who violates a provision of this chapter or any rule adopted under this  
17      chapter is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
- 18      2. When construing and enforcing the provisions of this chapter or any rules adopted  
19      under this chapter, the act, omission, or failure of any officer, agent, or other person  
20      acting for or employed by any person must in every case also be deemed to be the  
21      act, omission, or failure of such person as well as that of the person employed.
- 22      3. Any person found to have violated a provision of this chapter or rule adopted under  
23      this chapter is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars for each  
24      violation. The civil penalty may be imposed by a court in a civil proceeding or by the  
25      commissioner through an administrative hearing under chapter 28-32.

26      **SECTION 5.** Chapter 4.1-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
27 follows:

28      **4.1-36-01. Pesticide and pesticide container disposal program - Pesticide container**  
29 **management - Compensation.**

- 30      1. The definitions contained in section 4.1-33-01 apply to this chapter.

1       2. In consultation with an advisory board consisting of the state health officer and director  
2       of the North Dakota state university extension service, two individuals selected by the  
3       agriculture commissioner representing agribusiness organizations, and two individuals  
4       selected by the agriculture commissioner representing farm organizations, the  
5       commissioner shall continue to implement project safe send. The purpose of the  
6       project is to:

7       a. Collect and either recycle or dispose of unusable pesticides and unusable  
8       pesticide containers. The commissioner shall provide for the establishment and  
9       operation of temporary collection sites for the pesticides and pesticide containers.  
10       The commissioner may limit the type and quantity of pesticides and pesticide  
11       containers acceptable for collection.

12       b. Promote proper pesticide container management. In consultation with the director  
13       of the North Dakota state university extension service, the commissioner shall  
14       evaluate and promote proper methods of pesticide container management,  
15       including information on the variety of pesticide containers available.

16       3. Any entity collecting pesticide containers or unusable pesticides shall manage and  
17       dispose of the containers and pesticides in compliance with applicable federal and  
18       state requirements. When called upon, any state agency shall assist the commissioner  
19       in implementing the project.

20       4. For services rendered in connection with the design and implementation of this  
21       project, the advisory board members selected by the commissioner are entitled to  
22       reimbursement for mileage and travel expenses in the same manner and for the same  
23       amounts provided for state employees and officials. Compensation and expense  
24       reimbursement must be paid from the environment and rangeland protection fund.

25       **4.1-36-02. Project scope and evaluation.**

26       The project described in section 4.1-36-01 must occur in areas to be determined by the  
27       agriculture commissioner in consultation with the advisory board described in section 4.1-36-01.

28       **4.1-36-03. Project safe send pesticide and pesticide container collection - User fees.**

29       The agriculture commissioner, in consultation with the advisory board for the project safe  
30       send pesticide and pesticide container disposal program, may charge a fee for collection of  
31       rinsate. The fees must be established at a level that will generate enough revenue to cover the

1 cost of disposal associated with the rinsate that is collected. Collections from this fee must be  
2 deposited in the environment and rangeland protection fund.

3 **4.1-36-04. Report on pesticide container disposal program.**

4 The agriculture commissioner shall submit a biennial report to a joint meeting of the house  
5 of representatives and senate agriculture committees on the status of the pesticide container  
6 disposal program.

7 **SECTION 6.** Chapter 4.1-37 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
8 follows:

9 **4.1-37-01. Anhydrous ammonia safety rules.**

10 The agriculture commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to implement this chapter and  
11 adopt the 2014 American national standard safety requirements for the storage and handling of  
12 anhydrous ammonia. The commissioner may adopt rules that deviate from the 2014 American  
13 national standard safety requirements if certain provisions of the standard impose undue  
14 hardship or if literal adherence to the provisions fails to provide adequate safety.

15 **4.1-37-02. Definition.**

16 As used in this chapter, "anhydrous ammonia storage facility" means a bulk anhydrous  
17 ammonia storage facility with a capacity exceeding six thousand gallons [22712.47 liters] which  
18 is owned or operated by a user or vendor of anhydrous ammonia.

19 **4.1-37-03. License required - Anhydrous ammonia facilities constructed after June 30,**  
20 **1985.**

21 The owner or operator of an anhydrous ammonia storage facility shall apply to the  
22 agriculture commissioner and to the board of county commissioners for a license to site and  
23 operate the facility. An anhydrous ammonia storage facility may not be operated without a  
24 license issued by the agriculture commissioner and the board of county commissioners of the  
25 county in which the facility is located. Any permanent anhydrous ammonia storage facility  
26 constructed before July 1, 1985, is exempt from the siting requirements of this chapter and may  
27 receive a license under this chapter regardless of noncompliance with the siting requirements.  
28 The commissioner or the board may deny a license for failure to remit the proper fee for failure  
29 to comply with the siting requirements of this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter if  
30 constructed after June 30, 1985, or for failure to comply with local siting requirements. The  
31 agriculture commissioner also may deny a license if the facility does not meet the initial



1 inspection standards required by this chapter and by any rules adopted under this chapter. To  
2 obtain a license, an applicant shall submit with the application two sets of drawings or  
3 photographs showing, and two signed affidavits stating, the facility has been measured and  
4 meets the siting requirements. The drawings or photographs must show the proposed location  
5 of the tank and the surroundings in all directions. A set of drawings or photographs must be  
6 provided to the agriculture commissioner and a set must be provided to the board of county  
7 commissioners.

8 **4.1-37-04. State license fee.**

9 The agriculture commissioner shall charge a one-time twenty-five dollar fee for a license for  
10 each anhydrous ammonia storage facility and an additional one hundred dollars for each retail  
11 and storage site. Expansion of an existing anhydrous ammonia storage facility does not require  
12 reapplication for licensing, but all siting requirements must be met. The license is valid  
13 indefinitely but may not be transferred. A new license is required when an anhydrous ammonia  
14 storage facility changes ownership.

15 **4.1-37-05. State siting requirements - Anhydrous ammonia storage facilities**  
16 **constructed after June 30, 1985.**

17 For facilities constructed after June 30, 1985:

- 18 1. Any anhydrous ammonia storage facility with a container nominal capacity of less than  
19 one hundred thousand gallons [378541.2 liters] must be located at least:
  - 20 a. Fifty feet [15.24 meters] from the line of any adjoining property, which may be  
21 built upon, or any highway or railroad mainline.
  - 22 b. Four hundred fifty feet [137.16 meters] from any place of public assembly or  
23 residence, other than the company's business office.
  - 24 c. Seven hundred fifty feet [213.36 meters] from any institutional residence.
- 25 2. Any anhydrous ammonia storage facility with container nominal capacity of one  
26 hundred thousand gallons [378541.2 liters] or more must be located at least:
  - 27 a. Fifty feet [15.24 meters] from the property line of adjoining property, which may  
28 be built upon, or any highway or railroad mainline.
  - 29 b. Six hundred feet [182.88 meters] from any place of public assembly or residence,  
30 other than the company's business office.
  - 31 c. One thousand feet [300.48 meters] from any institutional residence.

- 1       3. Upon relocation of any permanent storage container to an anhydrous ammonia  
2       storage facility, the container must be hydrostatically pressure tested at the maximum  
3       allowable working pressure of the vessel, wet fluorescent magnetic particle tested,  
4       also referred to as black light tested, or any other acceptable testing method as  
5       determined by the agriculture commissioner. Before the container may be put into  
6       service and before licensing may occur, proof of testing must be supplied to the board  
7       of county commissioners and the agriculture commissioner.
- 8       4. All valves and other appurtenances to any anhydrous ammonia storage facility must  
9       be protected against physical damage. All shutoff valves must be kept closed and  
10      locked when not in use and when the facility is unattended.
- 11      5. Any anhydrous ammonia storage facility relocated or constructed after August 1, 1995,  
12      may not be located within city limits, unless approved by the city.

13      **4.1-37-06. Transfer hose requirements.**

- 14      1. Any transfer hose utilized at an anhydrous ammonia storage facility:
- 15          a. Which is a liquid transfer hose and is not drained of liquid upon completion of  
16          transfer operations must be equipped with an approved shutoff valve at the  
17          discharge end.
- 18          b. Must have a hydrostatic relief valve or equivalent must be installed in each  
19          section of hose or pipe in which liquid ammonia can be isolated between shutoff  
20          valves to relieve the pressure that could develop from the trapped liquid. If an  
21          equivalent pressure relief device is used, the maximum accumulated pressure  
22          possible within the system may not exceed the limits of the system. A hydrostatic  
23          relief valve must be installed between each pair of valves in which liquid is  
24          trapped. The start-to-discharge pressure setting of the relief valve must not be  
25          less than three hundred fifty pounds per square inch [2413.18 kilopascals] gauge  
26          nor more than four hundred pounds per square inch [2757.92 kilopascals] gauge.
- 27          c. Must have etched, cast, or impressed on the outer coating all of the following:
- 28              (1) The words "ANHYDROUS AMMONIA".
- 29              (2) The maximum working pressure of the transfer hose.
- 30              (3) The name of the manufacturer of the hose.
- 31              (4) The date of manufacture or the expiration date of the hose.

- 1           d. Which is cut, scraped, cracked, or weathered so that the inner white cord is  
2           visible must be replaced. A transfer hose with an expiration date printed on the  
3           hose must be replaced prior to that date. Transfer hoses without an expiration  
4           date must be replaced as follows:
- 5           (1) Rayon hoses must be replaced within two years of the date of manufacture.  
6           (2) Nylon hoses must be replaced within four years of the date of manufacture.  
7           (3) Steel-reinforced hoses must be replaced within six years of the date of  
8           manufacture.
- 9           2. Notwithstanding the replacement dates determined under this subdivision d of  
10          subsection 1 for transfer hoses with or without an expiration date, an additional year  
11          must be allowed for replacement of transfer hoses in order to take into account delays  
12          in the original installation of transfer hoses.

13          **4.1-37-07. Pressure relief devices.**

14          Bulk storage containers constructed according to the American society of mechanical  
15          engineers code, and all nurse tanks, must be equipped with pressure relief valves constructed  
16          according to the American society of mechanical engineers code and capacity certified by the  
17          national board of boiler and pressure vessel inspectors. A pressure relief valve using  
18          nonmetallic seats must be replaced every five years with a new valve meeting the standards  
19          specified in this section. A pressure relief valve using metallic seats must be tested, and  
20          repaired if deemed necessary, every five years in lieu of replacement. Repairs deemed  
21          necessary must be made by the valve manufacturer or by a safety valve repair organization  
22          having a valid "VR" certificate of authorization for the repairs from the national board of boiler  
23          and pressure vessel inspectors.

24          **4.1-37-08. Inspection.**

- 25          1. The agriculture commissioner shall develop and implement an initial and periodic  
26          inspection program for anhydrous ammonia storage facilities.
- 27          2. The agriculture commissioner shall inspect each anhydrous ammonia storage facility  
28          at least once every five years and may inspect any implement of husbandry designed  
29          to apply anhydrous ammonia which is in the vicinity of an anhydrous ammonia storage  
30          facility.

1       3. The agriculture commissioner may inspect any anhydrous ammonia storage facility if  
2       the commissioner has reason to believe violations of safety standards exist.

3       4. The agriculture commissioner may revoke or suspend the license of any anhydrous  
4       ammonia storage facility for a violation of this chapter or the rules adopted under this  
5       chapter. The commissioner may order the discontinuance of use of any implement of  
6       husbandry designed to apply anhydrous ammonia which is found unsafe or  
7       hazardous.

8       **4.1-37-09. Reinstalled and secondhand anhydrous ammonia storage containers -**  
9       **Requirement.**

- 10       1. A person intending to store anhydrous ammonia in a reinstalled or secondhand  
11       container, including a nurse tank, shall furnish the agriculture commissioner with:  
12        a. Evidence that the container is registered with the national board of boiler and  
13        pressure vessel inspectors; or  
14        b. The manufacturer's data report for the container.  
15       2. Subsection 1 is only applicable to the owner of an anhydrous ammonia storage  
16       container installed in this state before November 1, 1987, if the storage container is  
17       reinstalled at another location.

18       **4.1-37-10. Use of fees - Safety promotion - Administration - Inspections.**

19       All fees collected under this chapter must be used by the agriculture commissioner to  
20       promote safety in anhydrous ammonia use and storage, administer the program, and inspect  
21       facilities.

22       **4.1-37-11. Prohibitions.**

23       The following actions are prohibited:

- 24       1. Filling a nurse tank directly from a railcar;  
25       2. Filling or using a nurse tank that has an outdated hose;  
26       3. Filling or using a nurse tank that has outdated relief valves;  
27       4. Towing more than two nurse tanks on a public road;  
28       5. Filling department of transportation transport containers not meeting the requirements  
29       of the department of transportation;  
30       6. Filling anhydrous ammonia storage containers not meeting the requirements of this  
31       chapter;

- 1        7. Filling a storage container or nurse tank while unattended;
- 2        8. Making repairs or additions of appurtenances directly to pressurized storage
- 3        containers or nurse tanks by any individual not authorized under rules adopted by the
- 4        commissioner;
- 5        9. Painting or obscuring the American society of mechanical engineers data plates on
- 6        storage containers or nurse tanks;
- 7        10. Painting hydrostatic safety and safety relief valves on storage containers or nurse
- 8        tanks;
- 9        11. Filling nonrefrigerated storage containers or nurse tanks beyond the filling densities
- 10       permitted by the American national standards institute K61.1, section 5.9.1; and
- 11       12. Using the American society for testing and materials A-53 type f piping for anhydrous
- 12       ammonia piping systems.

13        **4.1-37-12. Anhydrous ammonia - Bulk delivery.**

14        Upon obtaining a commercial driver's license with an endorsement for hazardous materials,

15 an individual may transport anhydrous ammonia in a bulk delivery vehicle and fill nurse tanks

16 with anhydrous ammonia from the bulk delivery vehicle.

17        **4.1-37-13. Hydrostatic test procedures.**

18        Any hydrostatic test conducted under section 4.1-37-05 must comply with the requirements

19 of the national board inspection code (ANSI-NB 23) and be conducted in a manner approved by

20 the agriculture commissioner.

21        **4.1-37-14. Wet fluorescent magnetic particle test procedures.**

22        Any wet fluorescent magnetic particle test of a pressure vessel weld conducted under

23 section 4.1-37-05 must comply with the requirements of the society for nondestructive testing

24 SNT-TC-1A standard and must be conducted by a person certified as a level II technician by the

25 society.

26        **4.1-37-15. Enforcement.**

- 27        1. The agriculture commissioner shall enforce the requirements of this chapter and any
- 28        rules issued under it.
- 29        2. The commissioner may bring an action to enjoin the violation or threatened violation of
- 30        this chapter, or any rule issued pursuant to this chapter, in the district court of the
- 31        county in which the violation occurs or may occur.

- 1       3. The agriculture commissioner may issue a cease and desist order to any person  
2       allegedly violating this chapter. If any person violates the cease and desist order, the  
3       commissioner shall file the appropriate criminal complaint.
- 4       4. The agriculture commissioner may enter upon any public or private premises at  
5       reasonable times to:
- 6       a. Inspect any equipment subject to this chapter and the premises on which the  
7       equipment is stored or used;
- 8       b. Inspect or investigate complaints; or
- 9       c. Inspect any premises or other place where anhydrous ammonia or related  
10      devices are held for distribution, sale, or use.
- 11      5. If a civil penalty is imposed under section 4.1-37-16 by the agriculture commissioner  
12      through an administrative hearing and the civil penalty is not paid, the commissioner  
13      may initiate a civil action in any appropriate court. Additionally, the commissioner may  
14      suspend or revoke a license issued under this chapter for failure to pay a civil penalty  
15      within thirty days after a final determination is made.

16      **4.1-37-16. Penalty.**

- 17      1. Any person violating this chapter is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
- 18      2. When construing and enforcing this chapter, the act, omission, or failure of any officer,  
19      agent, or other person acting for or employed by any person is deemed to be the act,  
20      omission, or failure of the person as well as that of the person employed.
- 21      3. In addition to the criminal sanctions that may be imposed, a person found guilty of  
22      violating this chapter or the rules adopted under this chapter is subject to a civil  
23      penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars for each violation. The civil penalty may be  
24      imposed by a court in a civil proceeding or by the agriculture commissioner through an  
25      administrative hearing.

26      **SECTION 7.** Chapter 4.1-38 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
27 follows:

28      **4.1-38-01. Risk management program - Anhydrous ammonia.**

29      To determine compliance with the risk management program requirements set forth in  
30 section 112 of the Clean Air Act of 1990 [42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.], as amended through June 30,  
31 2011, the agriculture commissioner may:

- 1       1. Request information from any person that:
- 2           a. Sells, stores, or handles anhydrous ammonia for agricultural purposes; and
- 3           b. Is required to comply with the risk management program requirements;
- 4       2. Conduct inspections of any person that:
- 5           a. Sells, stores, or handles anhydrous ammonia for agricultural purposes; and
- 6           b. Is required to comply with the risk management program requirements; and
- 7       3. Obtain and review risk management plans required under 40 Code of Federal
- 8           Regulations, part 68, as amended through June 30, 2011, and other records
- 9           applicable to any person that:
- 10           a. Sells, stores, or handles anhydrous ammonia for agricultural purposes; and
- 11           b. Is required to comply with the risk management program requirements.

12       **4.1-38-02. Risk management program - Enforcement authority.**

13       If the agriculture commissioner determines there is noncompliance on the part of any  
14 person that sells, stores, or handles anhydrous ammonia for agricultural purposes and that is  
15 required to comply with the risk management program requirements referenced in section  
16 4.1-38-01, the agriculture commissioner may:

- 17       1. Bring an action to enjoin a violation or a threatened violation;
- 18       2. Issue a cease and desist order; and
- 19       3. Impose a civil penalty through an administrative hearing in an amount not exceeding  
20 ten thousand dollars per day for each violation.

21       **SECTION 8.** Chapter 4.1-39 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
22 follows:

23       **4.1-39-01. Crop protection product harmonization and registration board - Recovery**  
24 **of funds.**

25       The crop protection product harmonization and registration board may accept funds for  
26 expenses paid relating to the registration of pesticides or donations offered to or for the benefit  
27 of the board. All moneys received under this section must be deposited in the minor use  
28 pesticide fund to pay expenses relating to the registration of pesticides or for the specific  
29 purpose for which they are given. Whenever possible, the board shall attempt to recover funds  
30 expended relating to the registration of pesticide. The board shall adopt rules to administer this  
31 section.

1        **4.1-39-02. Crop protection product harmonization and registration board -**

2        **Membership - Duties - Grants.**

3        1. The crop protection product harmonization and registration board consists of:

4            a. The governor or the governor's designee;

5            b. The agriculture commissioner or the commissioner's designee;

6            c. The chairman of the house agriculture committee or the chairman's designee;

7            d. The chairman of the senate agriculture committee or the chairman's designee;

8            e. A member of the house or senate agriculture committee who is not a member of  
9            the faction in which the committee chairman is a member, appointed by the  
10           legislative management chairman;

11           f. A crop protection product dealer in the state appointed by the governor from a list  
12           of three nominees submitted by the North Dakota agricultural association;

13           g. A consumer of crop protection products appointed by the governor from a list of  
14           three nominees submitted by the North Dakota grain growers association;

15           h. A consumer of crop protection products appointed by the governor from a list of  
16           three nominees submitted by the North Dakota oilseed council;

17           i. A representative of the crop protection product manufacturing industry appointed  
18           by the chairman of the legislative management; and

19           j. The director of the North Dakota state university agricultural experiment station.

20        2. The representative of the crop protection product manufacturing industry and the  
21        director of the agricultural experiment station shall serve as nonvoting members. The  
22        governor or the governor's designee shall serve as chairman of the board.

23        3. The board shall:

24           a. Identify and prioritize crop protection product labeling needs;

25           b. Explore the extent of authority given to this state under the Federal Insecticide,  
26           Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act [7 U.S.C. 136a];

27           c. Identify the data necessary to enable registration of a use to occur in a timely  
28           manner;

29           d. Determine necessary research to fulfill the data requirements for activities listed  
30           in this section;



- 1           e. Request the agriculture commissioner to pursue specific research funding  
2           options from public and private sources;  
3           f. Request the North Dakota state university agricultural experiment station to  
4           pursue specific research to coordinate registration efforts; and  
5           g. Pursue opportunities to make more crop protection product options available to  
6           state agricultural producers through any means the board determines advisable.  
7       4. The board may contract with a consultant to provide studies, research, or information  
8       regarding crop protection product registration and labeling needs.  
9       5. The board may administer a grant program through which agriculture commodity  
10       groups may apply for funds to be used to address issues related to the registration of  
11       crop protection products. To be eligible for a grant, an applicant must submit an  
12       application to the board requesting a specific amount of funds, specifying the exact  
13       purposes for which the grant would be used, and providing a detailed timetable for the  
14       use of the grant funds. The board may impose any additional conditions it determines  
15       appropriate for grant recipients, including requiring periodic reports and furnishing of  
16       matching funds. The board may terminate funding of a previously approved grant at  
17       any time if the board is dissatisfied with the performance of the grant recipient.  
18       6. The board may use not more than fifteen percent of the funds under its supervision for  
19       administrative purposes, including the cost of contracting for administrative services  
20       and reimbursement of board member expenses. The members of the board who are  
21       members of the legislative assembly are entitled to compensation and expense  
22       reimbursement from the legislative council for attendance at board meetings at the  
23       rate provided for members of the legislative assembly for attendance at interim  
24       committee meetings.  
25       7. The board may adopt rules to implement this section.

26       **4.1-39-03. Crop protection products - Canadian labels.**

27       The agriculture commissioner, with the advice and consent of the appropriate agricultural  
28       commodity group, may authorize the sale and use in this state of a crop protection product that  
29       has a Canadian label, if the commissioner determines that a crop protection product having an  
30       American label contains substantially similar active ingredients and that the importation and use  
31       of the product with a Canadian label does not violate federal law. The commissioner shall

1 require an applicator to possess the American label and apply the product in accordance with  
2 the American label provisions.

3 **4.1-39-04. Special local needs exemption - Tolerances.**

4 The agriculture commissioner, in cooperation with the environmental protection agency,  
5 shall use tolerance data established or obtained in North America in pursuing special local  
6 needs exemptions for crop protection products under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and  
7 Rodenticide Act [7 U.S.C. 136 et seq.].

8 **4.1-39-05. Crop protection products - Registration process - Joint labeling.**

9 The governor and the agriculture commissioner shall work with all appropriate public and  
10 private entities to foster the development of a single, uniform process for the joint North  
11 American labeling of crop protection products not available for sale and use in this state as of  
12 April 19, 1999.

13 **4.1-39-06. Crop protection products - Request to petition for registration.**

14 On the written request of any agricultural commodity group, the agriculture commissioner  
15 shall petition the environmental protection agency for the American registration of a crop  
16 protection product approved for use in Canada.

17 **4.1-39-07. Environment and rangeland protection fund.**

18 The environment and rangeland protection fund is a special fund in the state treasury. The  
19 moneys in this fund may be used for rangeland improvement projects and to address issues  
20 relating to harmonization of crop protection product standards. The rangeland improvement  
21 projects may include noxious weed control; ground water testing, analysis, protection, and  
22 improvement; analysis of food products for residues of pesticides and other materials; and  
23 analysis and disposal of unusable pesticides and pesticide containers.

24 **4.1-39-08. Minor use pesticide fund - Continuing appropriation.**

25 The minor use pesticide fund is created as a special fund in the state treasury. All moneys  
26 in the fund are appropriated on a continuing basis to the crop protection product harmonization  
27 and registration board for the purpose of conducting or commissioning studies, investigations,  
28 and evaluations regarding the registration and use of pesticides for minor crops, minor uses,  
29 and other uses as determined by the board.

30 **SECTION 9.** Chapter 4.1-40 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
31 follows:

1       **4.1-40-01. Definitions.**

2       As used in this chapter:

- 3       1. "Brand" means a term, design, or trademark, used in connection with one or several  
4           grades of fertilizer, fertilizer material, micronutrients, specialty fertilizer, soil  
5           amendments, or plant amendments.
- 6       2. "Bulk" means in a nonpackaged form.
- 7       3. "Compost" means a material derived primarily or entirely from biological  
8           decomposition of vegetative organic matter or animal manure that may have inorganic  
9           fertilizer added to promote decomposition.
- 10      4. "Deficiency" means an amount of plant nutrient or active ingredient found by analysis  
11           to be less than the amount guaranteed, resulting from a lack of plant nutrient, active  
12           ingredients, or uniformity.
- 13      5. "Distributor" means a person who imports, consigns, manufactures, produces,  
14           compounds, mixes, or blends or who sells or offers for sale fertilizer, fertilizer  
15           materials, micronutrients, specialty fertilizers, soil amendments, or plant amendments  
16           in this state.
- 17      6. "End user" means a person who uses a fertilizer, fertilizer materials, micronutrients,  
18           specialty fertilizers, soil amendment, or plant amendment in a manner for which the  
19           product was intended.
- 20      7. "Fertilizer" means any substance containing one or more recognized plant nutrients  
21           which is used for its plant nutrient content and which is designed for use or claimed to  
22           have value in promoting plant growth, except unmanipulated animal and vegetable  
23           manures, marl, lime, limestone, wood ashes, and other products excluded by rule of  
24           the commissioner.
- 25      8. "Fertilizer material" means a fertilizer which:
- 26           a. Contains no more than one of the primary plant nutrients;
- 27           b. Has approximately eighty-five percent of its primary plant nutrient content present  
28           in the form of a single chemical compound; or
- 29           c. Is derived from a plant or animal residue or byproduct or a natural material  
30           deposit and has been processed in such a way that its content of primary plant  
31           nutrients has not been materially changed except by purification or concentration.

- 1       9. "Grade" means the percentages of total nitrogen, available phosphate, and soluble  
2       potassium or soluble potash stated in the same terms, order, and percentages as in  
3       the "guaranteed analysis".
- 4       10. "Guaranteed analysis" means the minimum percentage of plant nutrients claimed.
- 5       11. "Investigational allowance" means an allowance for variations inherent in the taking,  
6       preparation, and analysis of an official sample of fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant  
7       amendment.
- 8       12. "Label" means all written, printed, or graphic materials upon or accompanying any  
9       fertilizer, fertilizer material, micronutrients, specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant  
10       amendment and any printed material or media announcements used in promoting their  
11       sale.
- 12       13. "Licensee" means a person licensed by the commissioner to distribute a fertilizer,  
13       fertilizer material, micronutrients, specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant  
14       amendment.
- 15       14. "Manipulated" means to have manufactured, blended, or mixed fertilizers, fertilizer  
16       materials, micronutrients, specialty fertilizers, soil amendments, or plant amendments,  
17       or to have treated in any manner any animal or vegetable manures, including  
18       mechanical drying, grinding, pelleting, and other means, or by adding other chemicals  
19       or substances.
- 20       15. "Micronutrient" means a fertilizer that contains only essential chemical elements that  
21       are required at low levels for normal plant growth.
- 22       16. "Mobile mechanical unit" means any portable machine or apparatus used to blend,  
23       mix, or manufacture fertilizers, fertilizer material, micronutrients, specialty fertilizers,  
24       soil amendments, or plant amendments.
- 25       17. "Official sample" means any sample of fertilizer, fertilizer material, micronutrients,  
26       specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant amendment, taken and designated as  
27       "official" by the commissioner.
- 28       18. "Organic" in reference to fertilizer nutrients, means only naturally occurring  
29       substances, generally recognized as the hydrogen compounds of carbon and their  
30       derivatives or synthetic products of similar composition with a water insoluble nitrogen  
31       content of at least sixty percent of the guaranteed total nitrogen.

- 1        19. "Percent" or "percentage" means the percentage by weight.
- 2        20. "Plant amendment" means a substance applied to plants or seeds which is intended to  
3        improve germination, growth, yield, product quality, reproduction, flavor, or other  
4        desirable characteristics of plants except fertilizers, unless the fertilizer is represented  
5        to contain, as an active ingredient, a substance other than a primary plant nutrient or  
6        micronutrient, or is represented as promoting plant growth by supplying something  
7        other than a primary plant nutrient or micronutrient.
- 8        21. "Plant nutrient" means a substance generally recognized as beneficial for plant  
9        growth, including nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium, sulfur, boron,  
10       chlorine, cobalt, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum, sodium, and zinc.
- 11       22. "Primary plant nutrients" means nitrogen, phosphate, and potash.
- 12       23. "Registrant" means the person who registers fertilizers, soil amendments, or plant  
13       amendments under this chapter.
- 14       24. "Sell" when applied to fertilizers, fertilizer material, micronutrients, specialty fertilizers,  
15       soil amendments, or plant amendments means:
- 16       a. Transferring or offering to transfer ownership- through a sale, exchange, gift, or  
17       distribution; or
- 18       b. Receiving, accepting, holding, or possessing for sale, exchange, gift or  
19       distribution.
- 20       25. "Soil amendment" means any substance intended to improve the characteristics of the  
21       soil except unmanipulated animal or vegetable manures, pesticides, and fertilizers,  
22       unless the fertilizer is represented to contain, as an active ingredient, a substance  
23       other than a primary plant nutrient or micronutrient or is represented as promoting  
24       plant growth by supplying something other than a primary plant nutrient or  
25       micronutrient.
- 26       26. "Specialty fertilizer" means a fertilizer distributed primarily for nonfarm use.
- 27       27. "Ton" means a net weight of two thousand pounds avoirdupois [907.18 kilograms].
- 28       **4.1-40-02. Product registration - Fees.**
- 29       1. Each brand and grade of fertilizer, fertilizer material, micronutrient, specialty fertilizer,  
30       soil amendment, and plant amendment must be registered in the name of the person

1 whose name appears upon the label before being offered for sale or distributed in this  
2 state.

3 2. The application for registration must be submitted to the commissioner on a form  
4 furnished by the commissioner and must be accompanied by:

5 a. A current product label; and

6 b. A fee of fifty dollars per product.

7 3. Each brand and grade registration is effective for a two-year period beginning July first  
8 and ending June thirtieth of each even-numbered year.

9 4. Any request for a registration renewal received after July thirty-first must be assessed  
10 a penalty of one hundred dollars per product.

11 5. a. A distributor is not required to register any product listed in subsection 1 if that  
12 product is already registered by another person, providing the label complies with  
13 the issued registration.

14 b. A distributor is not required to register a custom-blended fertilizer combination,  
15 blended to the customer's specification, if the fertilizer combination provided  
16 contains only products registered under subsection 1.

17 c. Compost that is transferred between parties without compensation does not  
18 require registration.

19 6. The agriculture commissioner shall forward all fees received under this section to the  
20 state treasurer for deposit in the environment and rangeland protection fund.

21 **4.1-40-03. Distributor's license - Fees.**

22 1. A person may not distribute any fertilizer, fertilizer material, micronutrient, specialty  
23 fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant amendment in this state without first obtaining a  
24 distributor's license from the commissioner.

25 2. A license is required for each location or mobile mechanical unit used by a distributor  
26 in the state.

27 3. The application for a license must be submitted on a form furnished by the  
28 commissioner and must be accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars.

29 4. A license is effective for a two-year period beginning July first and ending June thirtieth  
30 of each even-numbered year.

- 1        5. Any license renewal application received after July thirty-first must be assessed a  
2            penalty of one hundred dollars per location.
- 3        6. Any license issued under this section:
- 4            a. Is not transferable;
- 5            b. Must be conspicuously posted at each location used by the distributor; and
- 6            c. Must be carried in each mobile mechanical unit operated by the distributor in the  
7            state.
- 8        7. The requirements of this section do not apply to persons that distribute only:
- 9            a. Specialty fertilizers; or
- 10          b. Seed inoculants.
- 11        8. The agriculture commissioner shall forward all fees received under this section to the  
12          state treasurer for deposit in the environment and rangeland protection fund.

13        **4.1-40-04. Proof of effectiveness.**

14        The commissioner may require proof of claims made for any product covered by this  
15 chapter and may require proof of value when used as directed or recommended. The  
16 commissioner must rely on data from scientifically designed and reported studies conducted  
17 under conditions similar to those in this state under which the product is intended to be used.  
18 The commissioner may accept or reject other sources of proof as supplemental evidence.

19        **4.1-40-05. Guaranteed analysis.**

- 20        1. Guaranteed analysis must be claimed as follows:
- 21            a. Total Nitrogen (N) \_\_\_\_\_ percent;
- 22            b. Available Phosphate (P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) \_\_\_\_\_ percent; and
- 23            c. Soluble Potash (K<sub>2</sub>O) \_\_\_\_\_ percent.
- 24        2. The total phosphate or degree of fineness, or both, may also be guaranteed, in the  
25 case of unacidulated mineral phosphatic materials and basic slag, bone, tankage, and  
26 other organic phosphatic materials.
- 27        3. Rules implemented under this chapter may allow or require guarantees for plant  
28 nutrients other than nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium.
- 29            a. Guarantees under this subsection must be expressed in the form of the element.

- 1           b. The commissioner may require that the sources of other nutrients, including  
2           oxides, salt, and chelates, be stated on the application for registration and  
3           included as a parenthetical statement on the label.
- 4           c. Other beneficial substances or compounds, determinable by laboratory methods,  
5           may be guaranteed with permission of the commissioner after consultation with  
6           the director of the North Dakota state university extension service.
- 7           4. Any guaranteed plant nutrients, other substances, or compounds are subject to  
8           inspection and analysis according to the methods and rules prescribed by the  
9           commissioner.
- 10          5. a. The commissioner, by rule, may require potential basicity or acidity expressed in  
11          terms of calcium carbonate equivalent in multiples of one hundred pounds  
12          [45.36 kilograms] per ton [907.18 kilograms].
- 13          b. The guaranteed analysis of a soil amendment or plant amendment must be an  
14          accurate statement of composition, including the percentages of each ingredient.  
15          If the product is a microbiological product, the number of viable micro-organisms  
16          per milliliter for a liquid or the number of viable micro-organisms per gram for a  
17          dry product must also be listed.

18           **4.1-40-06. Label requirement.**

19           Any fertilizer, fertilizer material, micronutrient, specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant  
20           amendment distributed in this state must be labeled.

- 21           1. If the product is in a container, the label must be plainly printed in English and  
22           conspicuously placed on or attached to the container. The label must include:
- 23           a. The net weight of the product;
- 24           b. The brand;
- 25           c. The grade, unless no primary nutrients are claimed;
- 26           d. The guaranteed analysis; and
- 27           e. The name and address of the registrant.
- 28           2. If the product is distributed in bulk, a document providing the same information  
29           required in subsection 1 must accompany the delivery and be provided to the end user  
30           at the time of delivery.



1       3. A fertilizer formulated according to specifications furnished by a consumer prior to  
2           mixing must be labeled to show the net weight, the guaranteed analysis or amount of  
3           each plant nutrient it contains in pounds [kilograms], and the name and address of the  
4           registrant.

5       **4.1-40-07. Inspection fees - Tonnage reports - Penalty.**

6       1. a. An inspection fee of ten dollars or twenty cents per ton [907.18 kilograms],  
7           whichever is greater, must be paid to the commissioner on all fertilizer, fertilizer  
8           material, micronutrients, specialty fertilizer, soil amendments, and plant  
9           amendments distributed in this state.

10       b. This subsection does not apply to:

11           (1) Exchanges of product between manufacturers and distributors; or

12           (2) Individual fertilizers, fertilizer material, micronutrients, specialty fertilizers,  
13           soil amendments, or plant amendments sold exclusively in packages of  
14           twenty-five pounds [11.34 kilograms] or less.

15       2. a. On or before January thirty-first, each licensed person who distributes a fertilizer,  
16           fertilizer material, micronutrient, specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant  
17           amendment to an end user in this state shall:

18           (1) File with the commissioner a form stating the number of net tons [kilograms]  
19           of each listed product distributed in this state during the preceding calendar  
20           year; and

21           (2) Submit to the commissioner the inspection fee required by this section.

22       b. If a person fails to submit an inspection fee, at the time and in the manner  
23           required by this section, the commissioner may impose a penalty of ten dollars or  
24           ten percent of the amount due, whichever is greater.

25       3. a. On or before January thirty-first, each licensed person that distributes a fertilizer,  
26           fertilizer material, micronutrient, specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant  
27           amendment to a licensed entity in this state shall file with the commissioner a  
28           form stating the number of net tons [kilograms] of each listed product distributed  
29           in this state during the preceding calendar year.

30       b. If a person fails to file the form, at the time and in the manner required by this  
31           subsection, the commissioner may impose a late fee of thirty-five dollars.

- 1       4. Each distributor shall keep all records regarding purchases and sales for a period of  
2           three years. The records may be examined by the commissioner upon request.  
3       5. The agriculture commissioner shall forward all fees received under this section to the  
4           state treasurer for deposit in the environment and rangeland protection fund.

5       **4.1-40-08. Inspection, sampling, analysis.**

- 6       1. To determine compliance with this chapter and rules implemented under this chapter,  
7           the commissioner may enter real property during regular business hours and access  
8           any structure or personal property to sample, inspect, analyze, and test fertilizers,  
9           fertilizer material, micronutrients, specialty fertilizers, soil amendments, and plant  
10          amendments distributed in this state.  
11       2. The commissioner shall adopt methods of analysis and sampling from reputable  
12          sources such as the Journal of the AOAC International.  
13       3. A single package may constitute an official sample. In determining whether any  
14          fertilizer, fertilizer material, micronutrient, specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant  
15          amendment is deficient, the commissioner shall only consider the analysis of the  
16          official sample.  
17       4. If the results of the commissioner's official analysis indicate that a fertilizer, fertilizer  
18          material, micronutrient, specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant amendment may  
19          be the subject of a penalty or other legal action, the commissioner shall forward the  
20          analysis to the registrant at least ten days before the report is submitted to the  
21          purchaser. If during the ten-day period no adequate evidence to the contrary is made  
22          available to the commissioner by the registrant, the report becomes official.  
23       5. The commissioner shall retain any official samples found to be deficient for thirty days  
24          following the issuance of the analytical report.  
25       6. Upon request, the commissioner shall furnish to the registrant a portion of any sample  
26          found to be the subject of a penalty or other legal action.

27       **4.1-40-09. Misbranding.**

- 28       1. A person may not distribute a misbranded fertilizer, fertilizer material, micronutrient,  
29          specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant amendment.  
30       2. A fertilizer, fertilizer material, micronutrient, specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant  
31          amendment is misbranded if:

- 1           a. False or misleading statements concerning the product are disseminated in any  
2           manner or by any means;
- 3           b. The product label carries a false or misleading statement;
- 4           c. The product is distributed under the name of another product;
- 5           d. The product is not labeled as required by this chapter or rules implemented under  
6           this chapter; or
- 7           e. The product is inaccurately represented as a fertilizer, or is inaccurately  
8           represented as containing a plant nutrient or fertilizer unless the plant nutrient or  
9           fertilizer conforms to the definition, if any, prescribed in rule by the commissioner.
- 10          3. In adopting rules, the commissioner shall consider commonly accepted definitions and  
11          official fertilizer terms such as those issued by the association of American plant food  
12          control officials.

13          **4.1-40-10. Publications.**

14          The commissioner may publish:

- 15          1. Information concerning the distribution of fertilizers, fertilizer material, micronutrients,  
16          specialty fertilizers, soil amendments, and plant amendments; and
- 17          2. Results of analyses based on official samples of fertilizers, fertilizer material,  
18          micronutrients, specialty fertilizers, soil amendments, and plant amendments  
19          distributed within the state as compared with the analyses guaranteed under  
20          sections 4.1-40-05 and 4.1-40-06.

21          **4.1-40-11. Rules.**

22          The commissioner may adopt and enforce rules relating to investigational allowances,  
23          definitions, records, licensing, inspection, analysis, labeling, storage, and distribution of  
24          fertilizers, fertilizer material, micronutrients, specialty fertilizers, soil amendments, and plant  
25          amendments.

26          **4.1-40-12. Deficiencies.**

- 27          1. A product is deficient if:
  - 28           a. One or more of its guaranteed primary plant nutrients falls below the  
29           investigational allowances and compensations established by rule;
  - 30           b. One or more other guaranteed active ingredients falls below the investigational  
31           allowances and compensations as established by rule; or

- 1           c. The overall index value of the fertilizer is shown below the level established by  
2           rule.
- 3           2. A nonuniformity deficiency in an official sample of mixed fertilizer is not distinguishable  
4           from a deficiency due to actual plant nutrient shortage and is properly subject to official  
5           action.
- 6           3. To determine the commercial index value to be applied, the commissioner shall  
7           determine at least annually the values per unit of nitrogen, available phosphate, and  
8           soluble potash in fertilizers in this state.
- 9           4. Any fertilizer, fertilizer material, micronutrients, specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, or  
10          plant amendment in the possession of a consumer found by the commissioner to be  
11          short in weight, a penalty must be assessed to the registrant of the product. Within  
12          thirty days after official notice from the commissioner, the registrant of the product  
13          shall pay a penalty equal to four times the value of the actual shortage to the  
14          consumer.

15          **4.1-40-13. Cancellation of registrations.**

- 16          1. The commissioner, upon compelling evidence that a registrant, licensee, or distributor  
17          used fraudulent or deceptive practices in the evasion or attempted evasion of this  
18          chapter or any implemented rule, may:
- 19               a. Cancel the registration of any brand of fertilizer, fertilizer material, micronutrient,  
20               specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant amendment;
- 21               b. Cancel the license of any distributor;
- 22               c. Refuse to register any brand of fertilizer, fertilizer material, micronutrient,  
23               specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant amendment; or
- 24               d. Refuse to license any distributor.
- 25          2. The commissioner shall provide an opportunity for a hearing prior to refusing a  
26          registration or revoking a license.

27          **4.1-40-14. Stop-sale orders.**

28          The commissioner may issue a "stop-sale, use, or removal" order to the owner or custodian  
29          of any lot of fertilizer, fertilizer material, micronutrient, specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, or  
30          plant amendment, if the commissioner finds that the product is being offered for sale in violation  
31          of this chapter or any implemented rule. The order must remain in effect until the commissioner:

- 1       1. Determines that the violation has been corrected;
- 2       2. Gives written authorization for the disposal of the product; or
- 3       3. Gives written authorization for the product to be offered for sale.

4       **4.1-40-15. Seizure, condemnation, and sale.**

- 5       1. Any lot of fertilizer, fertilizer material, micronutrient, specialty fertilizer, soil amendment,  
6       or plant amendment, not in compliance with this chapter or implemented rules, is  
7       subject to seizure upon the filing of a complaint by the commissioner with the district  
8       court of the county in which the product is located.
- 9       2. If the court finds the product to be in violation of this chapter or any implemented rule  
10       and orders its condemnation, the product must be disposed of in any manner  
11       consistent with the quality of the product and the laws of the state.
- 12       3. Before ordering the disposition of a product, a court shall give the claimant an  
13       opportunity to apply for the release of the product or for permission to process or  
14       relabel the product to bring it into compliance with this chapter and implemented rules.

15       **4.1-40-16. Violations - Criminal penalty.**

- 16       1. If evidence from the examination of any fertilizer, fertilizer material, micronutrient,  
17       specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, or plant amendment indicates this chapter or the  
18       implemented rules have been violated, the commissioner shall notify the registrant,  
19       licensee, manufacturer, distributor, or possessor from whom the sample was taken of  
20       the violation. Any person notified must be given an opportunity to be heard. After the  
21       hearing, either in the presence or absence of the person so notified, the commissioner  
22       may certify the facts to the proper prosecuting attorney if evidence exists this chapter  
23       or the implemented rules have been violated.
- 24       2. Any person violating this chapter or the implemented rules or that impedes, obstructs,  
25       hinders, or otherwise prevents or attempts to prevent the commissioner in the  
26       performance of the commissioner's duty under this chapter is guilty of a class A  
27       misdemeanor.
- 28       3. All prosecutions involving the composition of a lot of fertilizers, fertilizer material,  
29       micronutrients, specialty fertilizers, soil amendments, or plant amendments, require a  
30       certified copy of the official analysis signed by the person performing the analysis or

1           that person's assigned agent. The certified and signed copy of the official analysis is  
2           prima facie evidence of the composition.

3           4. The commissioner is not required to initiate prosecution or seizure proceedings for  
4           minor violations of the chapter if the commissioner believes the public interest will be  
5           best served by a suitable written warning.

6           5. The commissioner may apply for and the court may grant a temporary or permanent  
7           injunction restraining any person from violating or continuing to violate this chapter or  
8           any implemented rule, notwithstanding the existence of other remedies at law. An  
9           injunction under this section must be issued without bond.

10           **4.1-40-17. Violations - Civil penalty.**

11           Any person that violates this chapter or an implemented rule is subject to a civil penalty in  
12           an amount up to two thousand five hundred dollars per violation. The civil penalty may be  
13           imposed by a court or by the agriculture commissioner in an administrative hearing.

14           **4.1-40-18. Exchanges between manufacturers.**

15           This chapter may not be construed to restrict or avoid sales or exchanges of fertilizers,  
16           fertilizer materials, micronutrients, specialty fertilizers, soil amendments, or plant amendments  
17           to each other by importers, manufacturers, or manipulators that mix fertilizers, fertilizer  
18           materials, micronutrients, specialty fertilizers, soil amendments, or plant amendments for sale or  
19           as preventing the free and unrestricted shipments of fertilizer, fertilizer materials, micronutrients,  
20           specialty fertilizers, soil amendments, or plant amendments to manufacturers or manipulators  
21           that have registered their brands as required by this chapter.

22           **SECTION 10. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 19 of section 19-02.1-01 of the North Dakota  
23 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

24           19. "Pesticide chemical" means any substance which, alone, in chemical combination, or  
25           in formulation with one or more other substances is a pesticide within the meaning of  
26           chapter ~~19-18~~4.1-34, and which is used in the production, storage, or transportation of  
27           raw agricultural commodities.

28           **SECTION 11. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-01-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
29 amended and reenacted as follows:

1       **23-01-01.1. State department of health to replace state department of health and**  
2 **consolidated laboratories.**

3       Wherever the terms "North Dakota state department of health", "department of health",  
4 "health department", "state department of health and consolidated laboratories", "North Dakota  
5 state laboratories department", "state laboratories department", "state laboratories department  
6 director", or "state laboratories director" appear in this code, the term "state department of  
7 health" must be substituted therefor.

8       ~~Wherever the terms "state food commissioner and chemist" and "commissioner" when~~  
9 ~~referring to the state food commissioner and chemist appear in chapters 19-17 and 19-18, the~~  
10 ~~term "state department of health" must be substituted therefor.~~

11       **SECTION 12. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-01-25 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
12 amended and reenacted as follows:

13       **23-01-25. Commercial feed, insecticide, fungicide, rodenticide, fertilizer, and soil**  
14 **conditioner laws - Laboratory function.**

15       Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any laboratory test or analysis required under  
16 chapter [4.1-34, 4.1-40, or](#) 19-13.1, ~~19-18, or 19-20.1~~ must be performed by the state  
17 department of health for the agriculture commissioner at no charge.

18       **SECTION 13. REPEAL.** Chapters 19-18, 19-20.1, 19-20.2, and 19-20.3 of the North Dakota  
19 Century Code are repealed.