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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND ELEVEN.

AN ACT to amend and unify the laws regulating the sale of agricultural seeds, commercial feeding stuffs, commercial fertilizers, drugs, foods, fungicides and insecticides.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person within this

- 2 state to manufacture, sell, distribute, transport, offer or ex-
- 3 pose for sale, distribution, or transportation, any article of
- 4 agricultural seed, commercial feeding stuff, commercial fer-
- 5 tilizer, drug, food, fungicide or insecticide which is adulter-
- 6 ated or misbranded within the meaning of this act.
- Sect. 2. The term "agricultural seed" as used in this act
- 2 shall be held to include the seeds of alfalfa, barley, Canadian
- 3 blue grass, Kentucky blue grass, brome grass, buckwheat,

- 4 alsike clover, crimson clover, red clover, medium clover,
- 5 white clover, field corn, Kaffir corn, meadow fescue flax,
- 6 Hungarian, millet, oats, orchard grass, rape, redtop, rye,
- 7 sorghum, timothy and wheat.

The term "commercial feeding stuff" as used herein, shall 9 be held to include all articles of food used for feeding live 10 stock, and poultry, except hays and straws, the whole seeds, 11 and the unmixed meals made directly from the entire grains 12 of wheat, rye, barley, oats, Indian corn, buckwheat, flax 13 seed and broom corn.

The term "commercial fertilizer" as used herein, shall be 15 held to include all materials used for fertilizing purposes, 16 the price of which exceeds \$10 a ton.

The term "drug" as used herein, shall be held to include all 18 medicines and preparations recognized in the United States 19 Pharmacopoeia or National Formulary for internal or ex-20 ternal use, and any substance or mixture of substances in-21 tended to be used for the cure, mitigation, or prevention of 22 disease of man or other animals.

The term "food" as used herein, shall be held to include all 24 articles, whether simple, mixed or compound, used for food, 25 drink, confectionery, or condiment by men or other animals.

The term "fungicide" as used herein shall be held to in-27 clude any substance or mixture of substances intended to 28 be used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating 29 any and all fungi that may infest vegetation, or be present 30 in any environment whatsoever. The term "insecticide" as used herein shall include Paris 32 green, lead, arsenate, and any substance or mixture of sub-33 stances intended to be used for preventing, destroying, re-34 pelling, or mitigating any insect which may infest vegetation, 35 man or other animals, or houses, or be present in any en-36 vironment whatsoever.

Sect. 3. Every lot or package of agricultural seed which is 2 sold, distributed, transported, offered or exposed for sale, 3 distribution, or transportation for seed, in the state by any 4 person shall have affixed in a conspicuous place on the out- 5 side thereof, a plainly written or printed statement clearly 6 and truly giving the name thereof and its minimum percent- 7 age of purity and freedom from foreign matter.

Sect. 4. Every lot or package of commercial feeding stuff, 2 which is manufactured, sold, distributed, transported, offer-3 ed or exposed for sale, distribution or transportation in the 4 state by any person, shall have affixed in a conspicuous place 5 on the outside thereof, a plainly printed statement, clearly 6 and truly giving the number of net pounds in the package; 7 the name, brand or trademark under which the article is 8 sold; the name and principal address of the manufacturer or 9 shipper; a chemical analysis stating the maximum percent-10 age of crude fiber, the minimum percentage of crude fat, 11 and the minimum percentage of crude protein (allowing 1 per cent. of nitrogen to equal 6 1-4 per cent. of protein) 13 which it contains, all three constituents to be determined by 14 the methods adopted by the Association of Official Agricul-

15 tural Chemists; if the feeding stuff is a compound feed, the 16 name of each ingredient contained therein; and if artificially 17 colored, the name of the material used for that purpose. If 18 the feeding stuff is sold in bulk or put up in packages be-19 longing to the purchaser, the seller shall upon the request 20 of the purchaser furnish him with a copy of the statements 21 named in this section.

Sect. 5. Any person who shall manufacture, sell, distrib-2 ute, transport, offer or expose for sale, distribution or trans-3 portation, in the state, any commercial feeding stuff shall 4 before so doing file with the Director of the Maine Agri-5 cultural Experiment Station for each and every commercial 6 feeding stuff bearing a distinguishing name or trademark. 7 a certified copy of the statements required by Section 4. 8 Said certified copy shall be accompanied when said Director 9 shall so request, by a sealed package containing not less than 10 one pound of the commercial feeding stuff. The person who II shall file said certificate shall pay annually to the Director of 12 the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station a registration 13 fee of ten dollars, this fee to be assessed on any brand of-14 fered for sale, distribution or transportation in the state. 15 Provided, however, that a brand of commercial feeding stuff 16 may be re-registered for the following year without the pay-17 ment of the fee upon the establishment by the person who 18 paid said fee that the total sales within the state during the 19 year for which said fee was paid did not exceed fifty tons. 20 Whenever any person shall have filed such certificate and

21 paid such registration fee, no other person shall be required 22 to file such statement or pay such fee.

Sect. 6. Every lot or package of commercial fertilizer, 2 which is manufactured, sold, distributed, transported, offered 3 or exposed for sale, distribution or transportation in the 4 state by any person shall have affixed in a conspicuous place-5 on the outside thereof a plainly printed statement clearly and 6 truly giving the number of net pounds in the package; the 7 name or trademark under which the article is sold; the name 8 and principal address of the manufacturer or shipper and a o chemical analysis stating the minimum percentage of nitro-10 gen, or its equivalent in ammonia in available form, of pot-II ash soluble in water, of phosphoric acid in available form, 12 soluble and reverted, and of total phosphoric acid, the con-13 stituents to be determined by the methods adopted by the 14 Association of Official Agricultural Chemists. If the fer-15 tilizer is sold in bulk or put up in packages belonging to the 16 purchaser, the seller shall, upon request of the purchaser, 17 furnish the purchaser with a copy of the statements named in 18 this section.

Sect. 7. Any person who shall manufacture, sell, distribute, 2 transport, offer or expose for sale, distribution or transpor-3 tation in the state any commercial fertilizer shall before so 4 doing file with the Director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station for each and every fertilizer bearing a distinguishing name or trademark, a certified copy of the state-7 ments named in section 6. Said certified copy shall be ac-

8 companied when said director shall so request by a sealed 9 package containing not less than two pounds of the com10 mercial fertilizer. The person who shall file said certificate
11 shall pay annually to the Director of the Maine Agricultural
12 Experiment Station a registration fee as follows: Ten dol13 lars each for the nitrogen and the phosphoric acid and five
14 dollars for the potash, contained or said to be contained in
15 the fertilizer, this fee to be assessed on any brand offered
16 for sale, distribution or transportation in the state. When17 ever any person shall have filed said certificate and paid
18 said registration fee, no other person shall be required to
19 file such statement or pay such fee.

Sect. 8. Every lot or package of a fungicide or an insecti2 cide which is manufactured, sold, distributed, transported,
3 offered or exposed for sale, distribution or transportation in
4 the state by any person, shall have affixed in a conspicuous
5 place on the outside thereof a plainly printed statement
6 clearly and truly stating the number of net pounds in the
7 package, the name or trademark under which the article is
8 sold, the name and address of the manufacturer or shipper,
9 and a chemical analysis stating the minimum percentage of
10 total arsenic and the maximum percentage of water soluble
11 arsenic which it contains, the constituents to be determined
12 by the methods adopted by the Association of Official Agri13 cultural Chemists.

Sect. 9. Any person who shall manufacture, sell, distrib-2 ute, transport, offer or expose for sale, distribution or trans3 portation in the state any fungicide or insecticide shall before
4 so doing file with the Director of the Maine Agricultural Ex5 periment Station for each and every fungicide or insecticide
6 bearing a distinguishing name or trademark, a certified copy
7 of the statements made in section 8. Said certified copy shall
8 be accompanied when said Director shall so request by a
9 sealed package containing not less than one pound of fungi10 cide or insecticide. The person who shall file such certificate
11 shall pay annually to the Director of the Maine Agricultural
12 Experiment Station, a registration fee of ten dollars, this fee
13 to be assessed on any brand offered for sale, distribution or
14 transportation in the state. Whenever any person shall have
15 filed said certificate and paid said registration fee, no other
16 person shall be required to file such statement or pay such
17 fee.

Sect. 10. The Director of the Maine Agricultural Experi2 ment Station shall have power to refuse to register any com3 mercial feeding stuff, commercial fertilizer, bearing a name,
4 brand or trademark which is misleading or deceptive or
5 which would tend to mislead or deceive as to the materials
6 of which it is composed, and in the case of commercial feed7 ing stuff when the specific name of each and all of the in8 gredients used in its manufacture are not stated. He shall
9 also have power to cancel the registration of any feeding
10 stuff, commercial fertilizer, fungicide or insecticide that he
11 deems to be manufactured, sold, distributed, transported,
12 offered or exposed for sale, distribution or transportation in

13 violation of any of the provisions of this act. The registra-14 tion of each brand of commercial feeding stuff, commercial 15 fertilizer, fungicide or insecticide shall terminate on the 16 thirty-first day of December of each year.

Sect. 11. For the purpose of this act an article shall be 2 deemed to be adulterated:

In case of agricultural seed:

First. If its purity falls below its accompanying guaranty. Second. If it contains the seed of any poisonous plant.

In case of commercial feeding stuff:

First. If is weight, composition, quality, strength or purity 8 do not conform in each particular to the claims made upon 9 the affixed guaranty.

Second. If it be colored, coated, or stained in a manner 11 whereby damage or inferiority is concealed.

Third. If it contains any poisonous or deleterious ingre-13 dients which may render such article injurious to the health 14 of live stock or poultry.

Fourth. If any milling or manufactured offals or any for-16 eign substance whatever have been added to any whole or 17 ground grain or other commercial feeding stuff, unless the 18 true composition, mixture or adulteration is plainly marked 19 or indicated upon the container thereof.

In case of commercial fertilizer:

First. If its weight, composition, quality, strength or 22 purity do not conform in each particular to the claims made 23 upon the affixed guaranty.

Second. If it contains any materials deleterious to growing 25 plants.

In case of drug:

First. If when a drug is sold under or by a name recog28 nized in the United States Pharmacopoeia or National For29 mulary, it differs from the standard of strength, quality, or
30 purity, as laid down in the United States Pharmacopoeia, or
31 National Formulary official at the time of investigation, or
32 as fixed by the Director of the Maine Agricultural Experi33 ment Station: Provided, that no drug defined in the United
34 States Pharmacoepoeia, the National Formulary or by said
35 Director shall be deemed to be adulterated under this pro36 vision if the standard of strength, quality, or purity be plain37 ly stated, so as to be understood by the non-professional per38 son, upon the bottle, box or other container thereof, al39 though the standard may differ from that laid down in the
40 United States Pharmacopoeia, National Formulary, or that
41 fixed by said Director.

Second. If its strength or purity differs from the pro-43 fessed standard or quality under which it is sold.

In case of confectionery:

If it contains terra alba, barytes, talc, chome yellow, or 46 mineral substances, or poisonous color or flavor, or other 47 ingredients deleterious or detrimental to health, or any 48 vinous, malt, or spiritous liquor or compound, or narcotic 49 drug.

In case of food:

First. If any substance has been mixed and packed with 52 it so as to reduce or lower or injuriously affect its quality 53 or strength.

Second. If any substance has been substituted wholly or in 55 part for the article.

Third. If any valuable constituents of the article have been 57 wholly or in part abstracted.

Fourth. If it be mixed, colored, powdered, coated, or 59 stained in a manner whereby damage or inferiority is con-60 cealed.

Fifth. If it contain any poisonous or other added deleteri-62 ous ingredient which may render such article injurious to 63 health.

Sixth. If it consists in whole or in part of a filthy, decom-65 posed or putrid animal or vegetable substance, or any portion 66 of an animal unfit for food, whether manufactured or not, 67 or if it is the product of a diseased animal, or one that has 68 died otherwise than by slaughter.

Seventh. If in the manufacture, sale, distribution, trans-70 portation, or in the offering or exposing for sale, distribu-71 tion or transportation, it is not at all times securely protect-72 ed from filth, flies, dust or other contamination, or other un-73 clean, unhealthful or unsanitary conditions.

Eighth. If it does not conform to the standards of 75 strength, quality, and purity, now or hereafter to be estab-76 lished by statute or fixed by the Director of the Maine Agri-77 cultural Experiment Station: Provided, that a food shall not 78 be deemed to be adulterated under this provision if the stan-79 dard of strength, quality or purity be plainly stated, so as to 80 be understood by the non-professional person, upon the con-81 tainer thereof, although the standard may differ from that 82 established by statute or fixed by said director.

Ninth. If its strength or quality or purity fall below the 84 professed standard or quality under which it is sold.

In case of fungicide or insecticide:

In case of Paris green:

First. If it does not contain at least fifty per centum of 88 arsenious oxide (As 2 o 3).

Second. If it contains arsenic in water-soluble forms 90 equivalent to more than three and one-half per centum of 91 arsenious oxide (As 2 o 3).

Third. If any substance has been mixed and packed with 93 it so as to reduce or lower or injuriously affect its quality or 94 strength.

In the case of lead arsenate.

First. If it contains more than fifty per centum of water.

Second. If it contains total arsenic equivalent to less than 98 twelve and one-half per centum of arsenic oxide (As 2 o 5).

Third. If it contains arsenic in water-soluble forms equiv-100 alent to more than seventy-five one-hundredths per centum 101 of arsenic oxide (As 2 o 5).

Fourth. If any substances have been mixed and packed 103 with it so as to reduce, lower, or injuriously affect its quality 104 or strength: Provided, however, that extra water may be

105 added to lead arsenate if the resulting mixture is labeled 106 lead arsenate and water, the percentage of extra water being 107 plainly and correctly stated on the label.

In the case of fungicide or insecticide other than Paris green 109 and lead arsenate:

First. If its strength or purity fall below the professed III standard or quality under which it is sold.

Second. If any substance has been substituted wholly or in part for the article.

Third. If any valuable constituent of the article has been 115 wholly or in part abstracted.

Fourth. If it is intended for use on vegetation and shall 117 contain any substance or substances injurious to such vegetation.

Sect. 12. The term "misbranded" as used herein, shall ap-

- 2 ply to all articles of agricultural seed, commercial feeding
- 3 stuff, commercial fertilizer, drug, food, fungicide and insecti-
- 4 cide, the package or label of which shall bear any statement.
- 5 design, or device regarding such article, or the ingredients
- 6 or substances contained therein which shall be false or mis-
- 7 leading in any particular, or which is falsely branded in any
- 8 particular.

For the purpose of this act an article shall also be deemed to 10 be misbranded.

In case of agricultural seed:

If any lot or package fail to bear all the statements required 13 by section 3.

In case of commercial feeding stuff:

First. If any package fails to bear all of the statements 16 required by section 4.

Second. If the printed statements required by section 4 18 to be affixed to the package differ from the statements re19 quired by section 5.

Third. If any brand is manufactured, transported, dis-21 tributed, sold, offered or exposed for sale, distribution, or 22 transportation upon which the registration fee required by 23 section 5 has not been paid.

In case of commercial fertilizer:

First. If any package fail to bear all the statements re-26 quired by section 6.

Second. If the printed statements required by Section 6 28 to be affixed to the package differ from the statement re-29 quired by Section 7.

Third. If any brand is manufactured, distributed, trans-31 ported, sold, offered or exposed for sale, distribution or 32 transportation upon which the registration fee required by 33 section 7 has not been paid.

In case of drug.

First. If it be an imitation of or offered for sale under 36 the name of another article.

Second. If the contents of the package as originally put 38 up shall have been removed, in whole or in part, and other 39 contents shall have been placed in such package, or except 40 in the case of a physician's prescription compounded by a 41 physician or a registered pharmacist, if the package fail to

42 bear a steatement on the label of the quantity or proportion 43 of any alcohol, morphine, opium, cocaine, heroin, alpha or 44 beta eucaine, chloroform, cannabis indica, chloral hydrate or 45 acetanilide or any derivative or any preparation of any such

46 substances contained therein.

In case of food:

First. If it be an imitation of or offered for sale under 49 the distinctive name of another article.

Second. If the contents of the package as originally put 51 up shall have been removed in whole or in part and other 52 contents shall have been placed in such package, or if it fail 53 to bear a statement on the label of the quantity or propor-54 tion of each and any added coloring matter, preservative. 55 chemical or drug contained therein.

Third. If the package containing it or its label shall bear 57 any statement, design, or device regarding the ingredients 58 or the substances contained therein, which statement, design, or device shall be false or misleading in any particular: 60 Provided, that an article of food which does not contain 61 any added poisonous or deleterious ingredients shall not be 62 deemed to be adulterated or misbranded in the following 63 cases:

First. In the case of mixtures or compounds which may 65 be now or from time to time hereafter known as articles of 66 food, under their own distinctive names, and not an imita-67 tion of or offered for sale under the distinctive name of 68 another article, if the name be accompanied on the same

69 label or brand with a statement of the place where said ar-70 ticle has been manufactured or produced.

Second. In the case of articles labeled, branded, or tag72 ged so as to plainly indicate that they are compounds, imi73 tations, or blends, and the word "compound," "imitation,"
74 or "blend," as the case may be, is plainly stated on the pack75 age in which it is offered for sale: Provided, that the term
76 "blend" as used herein shall be construed to mean a mix77 ture of like substances, not excluding harmless coloring or
78 flavoring ingredients used for the purpose of coloring and
79 flavoring only, and whose presence is declared upon the
80 label. And provided further, that nothing in this act shall
81 be construed as requiring or compelling proprietors or man82 ufacturers of proprietary goods which contain no unwhole83 some added ingredient to disclose their trade formulas ex84 cept in so far as the provisions of this act may require to
85 secure freedom from adulteration or misbranding.

In case of fungicide and insecticide:

First. If any lot or package fail to bear all the state-88 ments required by Section 8.

Second. If the printed statements required by Section 8 90 to be affixed to the lot or package differ from the statements 91 required by Section 9.

Third. If any brand is manufactured, transported, dis-93 tributed, sold or offered or exposed for sale, distribution or 94 transportation upon which the registration fee required by 95 Section 9 has not been paid. Fourth. If it be an imitation of or offered for sale under 97 the name of another article.

Fifth. If it be labeled or branded so as to deceive or mis-99 lead the purchaser, or if the contents of the package as orig-100 inally put up shall have been removed in whole or in part, 101 and other contents shall have been placed in such pack-102 ages.

Sixth. If it consists partially or completely of an inert 104 substance or substances which do not prevent, destroy, re-105 pel, or mitigate insects or fungi and does not have the 106 percentage amount of such inert ingredients plainly and 107 correctly stated on the label.

Sect. 13. The Director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station shall make uniform rules and regulations for carrying out the provisions of this act. The said Diperctor may also fix standards of purity, quality or strength when such standards are not specified or fixed by law and shall publish them together with such other information concerning articles of agricultural seed, commercial feeds ing stuff, commercial fertilizer, drug, food, fungicide and insecticide as he may deem to be of public benefit.

Sect. 14. The Director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station shall annually analyze, or cause to be analyzed, samples of articles of agricultural seed, commercial feeding stuff, commercial fertilizer, drug, food, fungibile cide and insecticide, at such time and to such extent as said 6 Director may determine. And said Director, in person or

7 by deputy, shall have free access, ingress and egress at all 8 reasonable hours to any place or any building wherein arti-9 cles of agricultural seed, commercial feeding stuff, com-10 mercial fertilizer, drug, food, fungicide, insecticide are 11 manufactured, stored, transported, sold, offered or exposed 12 for sale. He shall also have power, in person or by dep-13 uty to open any case, package or other container, and may, 14 upon tendering the market price, take samples for analysis. 15 The results of all analyses of articles of agricultural seed, 16 commercial feeding stuff, commercial fertilizer, drug, food, 17 fungicide and insecticide made by said Director shall be 18 published by him in the bulletins or reports of the Experi-19 ment Station, together with the names of the persons from 20 whom the samples were obtained, the names of the manu-21 facturers thereof, and such additional information as to 22 him may seem advisable.

Sect. 15. When the said Director becomes cognizant of 2 the violation of any of the provisions of this act he shall 3 cause notice of such fact, together with a copy of the find-4 ings, to be given to the person from whom the sample was 5 obtained, and the person whose name appears upon the 6 label. The persons so notified shall be given an opportunity 7 to be heard under such rules and regulations as may be 8 prescribed by said Director. Notices shall specify the date, 9 hour and place of the hearing.

Sect. 16. Any person who adulterates or misbrands with-2 in the meaning of this act, any article of agricultural seed, 3 commercial feeding stuff, commercial fertilizer, drug, food, 4 fungicide or insecticide, or any person who manufactures, 5 sells, distributes, transports, offers or exposes for sale, dis-6 tribution or transportation any article of agricultural seed, 7 commercial feeding stuff, commercial fertilizer, drug, food, 8 fungicide or insecticide in violation of any of the provisions 9 of this act, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one 10 hundred dollars for the first offense, and by a fine not extending two hundred dollars for each subsequent offense.

Sect. 17. No person shall be prosecuted under the pro2 visions of this act when he can establish proof of purchase
3 and a guaranty signed by the person residing in the United
4 States, from whom the purchase was made, to the effect
5 that the article in question is not adulterated or misbranded
6 within the meaning of this act.

Sect. 18. The word "person" as used in this act shall be 2 construed to import both the plural and the singular, as the 3 case demands, and shall include corporations, companies, 4 societies and associations. When construing and enforcing 5 the provisions of this act, the act, omission, or failure of 6 any officer, agent, or other person acting for or employed 7 by any corporation, company, society, or association, within 8 the scope of his employment or office, shall in every case 9 be also deemed to be the act, omission, or failure of such 10 corporation, company, society, or association as well as that 11 of the person.

Sect. 19. The Director of the Maine Agricultural Ex-

2 periment Station shall diligently enforce all of the pro-3 visions of this act, and, in this connection, he shall be en-4 titled to have and receive the advice, counsel and assistance 5 of the attorney general and of the attorney for the State in 6 the several counties.

The said Director in his discretion, may recover the pen-8 alties for the violation of the provisions of this act in an 9 action on the case in his own name, the venue to be as in 10 other civil actions, and the plaintiff prevailing in any such 11 action shall recover full costs; or he may prosecute violators by complaint or indictment in the name of the State, 13 and such prosecution may be commenced in the county in 14 which the offense was committed, or in any adjoining counts ty. All fines received under this act by county treasurers 16 shall be paid by them to the Director of the Maine Agritultural Experiment Station.

All money received by the Director of the Maine Agri19 cultural Experiment Station under this act shall be paid by
20 him to the treasurer of the Maine Agricultural Experiment
21 Station and shall be expended in carrying out the provisions
22 of this act.

Trial justices and municipal and police courts are hereby 24 invested with original jurisdiction, concurrent with the su-25 preme judicial and superior courts, to hear, determine, en-26 ter, and by appropriate process enforce judgment in actions 27 commenced for the recovery of the penalties aforesaid, and

28 to try, and, upon conviction, to punish, for offenses against 29 the provisions of this act.

Sect. 20. Every certificate duly signed and acknowledged 2 by the Director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Sta-3 tion, relating to the collection and analysis of any sample 4 of agricultural seed, commercial feeding stuff, commercial 5 fertilizer, drug, food, fungicide, or insecticide, shall be pre-6 sumptive evidence of the facts therein stated.

Sect. 21. Sections sixteen to thirty-three inclusive of 2 chapter thirty-nine of the Revised Statutes, and all amend-3 ments and additions thereto, chapter sixty-six of the Public 4 Laws of nineteen hundred and five, chapter one hundred 5 and twenty-four of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred 6 and seven and all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent 7 herewith, are hereby repealed.