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RE: MUNICIPAL, PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL RESTRICTIONS ON NONESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

To: Canadian public officials at all levels

During the COVID-19 health emergency, Canada's fertilizer industry is doing everything possible to continue supplying critical plant nutrition products to farmers, commercial and urban growers in the spring seeding season that extends to the end of May.

On March 18, the Hon. Marie-Claude Bibeau, Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, issued the following statement:

“The continued movement of agri-food products and inputs, both at home and abroad, and the ongoing delivery of essential food-delivery services, are essential to Canada's plan to manage COVID-19.”

Fertilizer Canada represents manufacturers, wholesale and retail distributors of nitrogen, phosphate, potash and sulphur fertilizers. The fertilizer industry plays an essential role in Canada's economy, contributing \$24 billion annually and over 76,000 jobs. As the unified voice of the Canadian fertilizer industry, Fertilizer Canada works to promote the safe, responsible, and sustainable distribution and use of fertilizer. Please visit fertilizercanada.ca.

We would greatly appreciate the assistance of police, border agents, inspectors and public health officials at all levels of government. We are asking that employees of the companies listed in **Appendix A** be allowed to provide these critical services during the current public health emergency to the extent the law allows. We hope they will be provided every exemption under federal, provincial and municipal laws, regulations and orders.

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In particular, workers at Fertilizer Canada members companies will be travelling to and from their places of employment and providing goods and services to the fertilizer supply chain including our farmer customers, commercial growers and retailers across the country.



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Provincial governments such as Quebec, Ontario and Saskatchewan have provided exemptions from COVID-19 restrictions that apply to fertilizer production and distribution.

We note that the member companies of Fertilizer Canada are engaged in providing critical goods and services for the production of food, which is one of the 10 sectors identified in Canada’s 2018-2020 Action Plan for Critical Infrastructure.

The production, distribution and retail sale for both agricultural and garden fertilizer products is crucial to the Canadian food supply and the Canadian economy. Half of Canada’s crop production depends on fertilizer, which is food for plants.

We appreciate your service during this emergency and your support for the fertilizer industry’s effort to keep Canada growing.

APPENDIX A – Fertilizer Canada Member Companies

Agrico Canada L.P	Agro-100 Ltée	Agronomy Company of Canada	Bio-Cycle Solutions	Border Chemical Company Ltd.
Cargill Ltd.	Cavendish Agri Services Ltd.	CF Industries	Federated Co-operatives Limited	GROWMARK Inc.
Hawthorne Canada Ltd.	International Raw Materials Ltd.	J.R. Simplot Company	K+S Potash Canada GP	Koch Fertilizer Canada, ULC
MacEwen Agricentre Inc.	McCain Fertilizers Ltd	Nachurs Alpine Solutions	NexusBioAg	Nutrien
OCP S.A.	Parrish & Heimbecker, Limited	Rack Petroleum	Richardson International Limited	Sherritt International Corporation
Shur-Gro Farm Services Ltd.	Sollio Agriculture	Sylvite Group of Companies	Synagri	Tessenderlo Kerley
The Mosaic Company	TGO Agriculture (USA) INC.	William Houde Ltée	Yara Belle Plaine	Yara Canada
AdvanSix Inc	AGRIBEST Corp.	Anuvia Plant Nutrients	BrettYoung	Canpotex Limited
Corteva Agriscience	Custom Agriculture Intelligence Inc.	H Sulphur Corporation	Helm Fertilizer Corp.	Keystone Speciality Chemicals
Oakley International	Orica Mining Services	Solvay	Verdesian Life Sciences	Premier Tech
Scotts Canada Ltd.				