

Update to Fertilizer Canada's Membership Structure

In its ongoing commitment to deliver robust value to members, at the end of 2021, the Fertilizer Canada Board of Directors instructed the association to undertake a review of its membership model and dues structure. Throughout 2022 and 2023, Fertilizer Canada with support from the Portage Group has reviewed the membership structure and surveyed members to inform a final recommendation that was presented and approved by the board in the April 26th, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors.

Below are the changes to the membership structure:

Division 1 Associate members will be reclassified into the new Active Member – Division 4 category- Among the recommendations was a proposal to recognize the evolving nature of the fertilizer industry by creating a new “Active Member – Division 4” category specific to suppliers of specialty fertilizers and provide them with full membership within the association. Suppliers of specialty products previously fit within Fertilizer Canada’s “Associate” membership with limited voting rights and restrictions on participation in the Association’s committees.

Former Partner Members will be reclassified as Associate Members - Associate members will be defined as individual, partnership, firm or corporation supplying goods and services or having an interest in the fertilizer industry in Canada and not otherwise qualified for membership.

Affiliate Members will be reclassified as Affiliates – Fertilizer Canada also reviewed its “Affiliate” member category and recommended the elimination of that class of membership. Affiliate members were non-paying organizations, or individuals, who have an interest in the fertilizer industry in Canada or have been recognized for distinguished service to the association or the industry. It is felt that there are better mechanisms available to Fertilizer Canada to maintain an affiliate program without necessitating a specific class of members within its bylaws.

At the August 14, 2023, Annual General Meeting and Special Meeting of the Members of Fertilizer Canada, the amendments to the General By-Law of the Corporation were passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the votes cast on the resolution, making the changes to the membership structure effective.

All individuals, partnerships, firms, or corporations directly affected by the resolution will be contacted by Fertilizer Canada staff.