
MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 12, 2001
TO: USCC Board of Directors
FROM: Ron Alexander, USCC Market Development Committee & Industry Liaison to AAPFCO
RE: Update from the 55th Annual AAPFCO meeting

Uniform Bills Committee - Uniform Compost Bill

On Wednesday, August 8, the AAPFCO's Uniform Bills Committee met to continue its work on the development of the Uniform Compost Bill. Unfortunately, because of other subjects (e.g., the Commercial Lawn Care Service Bill and Preemptive Language for the Uniform State Fertilizer Bill) on the Committee's agenda, only a short amount of time was actually spent on the Uniform Compost Bill. However, on the positive side, it was suggested that efforts towards the development of the Commercial Lawn Care Service Bill be discontinued. If this occurs, more time will be available to the Committee for completion of the Uniform Compost Bill. Teresa Crenshaw, the Chairperson of the Uniform Bills Committee, has promised the USCC that the lion-share of time at the Mid-Year Committee meeting will be spent on the development of the Uniform Compost Bill. We will also be assisting Ms. Crenshaw before the Mid-Year meeting in order to 'clean-up' the current version of the Bill; enabling the Committee to work more efficiently at the next meeting.

Environmental Affairs Committee

On Tuesday, August 7, the Environmental Affairs Committee's met to discuss potential grammatical modifications to SUIP #25. As reported in February, the initial draft of SUIP #25 was completed during AAPFCO's 2001 Mid-Year meeting and was submitted to the AAPFCO Board for approval. It was approved by the Board, and according to their procedures, was voted upon during this meeting (Annual Meeting). The attached version of the SUIP was voted upon and approved at the AAPFCO Business Session on August 8th. This current version of the SUIP includes both risk assessment based numerical standards for chemically-based fertilizers and an exclusion for organically-based fertilizers; including composts. Although the attached version of the SUIP was approved, putting it in 'tentative' status for the next year, the opportunity for modification still exists. For this reason, it will be important to monitor AAPFCO activities on this subject until the next Annual Meeting. At that meeting, the SUIP membership should vote to place the SUIP in 'official' status. Until then, the tentative SUIP can still be adopted by state Departments of Agriculture.