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### **ALL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**

Circular Letter No. 98-1310

RE: **ITEM B-1352 Fertilizer Dealers & Manufacturers**

The Minnesota Department of Commerce has approved the above filing effective 12:01 a.m., January 1, 1999, applicable to new and renewal business only.

The purpose of the above referenced filing is to enhance classification phraseologies and footnotes for Code 4583 - Fertilizer Mfg. & Drivers; Code 8215 - Hay, Grain or Feed Dealer & Local Managers, Drivers; and Code 0050 - Farm Machinery Operation—By Contractor & Drivers. It is anticipated that clarifying the current classification phraseologies that relate to the manufacturing, sale, and application of feed, fertilizers, grain, and hay will better facilitate the classifying of employers within this industry.

Currently, Minnesota classifies the sale and distribution of Anhydrous Ammonia under Code 8353. To facilitate the continued use of Code 8353 for these purposes, special language has been created in the Minnesota exception pages of the Basic Manual to specify the exclusion of Anhydrous Ammonia sales under Codes 4583, 8215, and 0050.

The attached exhibit outlines the changes required in the Basic Manual necessary to implement Item B-1352. Please note that the language in these pages contains underlined and strikethrough text. The underlining represents new or added text while the strikethroughs indicate deleted text. Special Minnesota language or exceptions have been added or amended as applicable. The National Council's original filing memorandum is also attached for your review.

Very truly yours,

M. A. Johnson  
Director of Und. Services

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BASIC MANUAL

CLASSIFICATIONS

PRESENT PHRASEOLOGY:	PROPOSED PHRASEOLOGY:
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**MN EXCEPTION:**

**Anhydrous Ammonia operation & drivers:**  
Sale and distribution.....8353

**Farm machinery:**  
Operation – by contractor & drivers.....0050

**Feed, hay, or grain dealer & local managers, drivers.....8215**  
NONE

**MN EXCEPTION:**

NONE

**Fertilizer:**  
NONE

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NONE

**KEEP MN EXCEPTION:**

**Anhydrous Ammonia operation & drivers:**  
Sale and distribution.....8353

**Farm machinery:**  
Operation - by contractor & drivers.....0050  
Sales or manufacturing of merchandise, machinery or equipment to be separately rated.

**Feed, fertilizer, hay, or grain dealer & local managers, drivers---no mfg.....8215**  
Includes incidental blending. Application of fertilizer by use of farm machinery or equipment to be separately rated under Code 0050. Fertilizer mfg. to be separately rated under Code 4583.

**ADD MN EXCEPTION:**

**Feed, fertilizer, hay, or grain dealer & local managers, drivers---no mfg.....8215**  
Includes incidental blending. Application of fertilizer by use of farm machinery or equipment to be separately rated under Code 0050. Fertilizer mfg. to be separately rated under Code 4583. Anhydrous Ammonia dealers to be separately rated as Code 8353.  
[Explanatory note: Minnesota has a state exception for Anhydrous Ammonia dealers.]

**Fertilizer:**  
**Dealer & local managers, drivers – no mfg.....8215**  
Includes incidental blending. Application of fertilizer by use of farm machinery or equipment to be separately rated under Code 0050. Fertilizer mfg. to be separately rated under Code 4583.

**ADD MN EXCEPTION:**

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fertilizer by use of farm machinery or equipment to be separately rated under Code 0050. Fertilizer mfg. to be separately rated under Code 4583. Anhydrous Ammonia dealers to be separately rated as Code 8353.  
 [Explanatory note: Minnesota has a state exception for Anhydrous Ammonia dealers.]

**Fertilizer:**  
**Mfg. & drivers.....4583**  
 Not rendering or garbage works. Includes dry mixing plants. Codes 4583 and 2089—Packing house shall not be assigned to the same risk unless the operations described by these classifications are conducted as separate and distinct businesses.

**Fertilizer:**  
**Mfg. & drivers.....4583**  
 Not rendering or garbage works. Includes manufacturing plants solely engaged in the wet or dry mixing of fertilizers. Fertilizer dealer to be separately rated under Code 8215. Codes 4583 and 2089-Packing house shall not be assigned to the same risk unless the operations described by these classifications are conducted as separate and distinct businesses.

**MN EXCEPTION:**

NONE

**ADD MN EXCEPTION:**

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 [Explanatory note: Minnesota has a state exception for Anhydrous Ammonia dealers.]

**Grain, feed, or hay dealer & local managers, drivers.....8215**  
 NONE

**Grain, feed, fertilizer, or hay dealer & local managers, drivers - no mfg.....8215**  
Includes incidental blending. Application of fertilizer by use of farm machinery or equipment to be separately rated under Code 0050. Fertilizer mfg. to be separately rated under Code 4583.

**MN EXCEPTION:**

NONE

**ADD MN EXCEPTION:**

**Grain, feed, fertilizer, or hay dealer & local managers, drivers - no mfg.....8215**

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**Hay, Grain, or feed dealer & local managers, drivers.....8215**

**Hay, grain, feed, or fertilizer dealer & local managers, drivers - no mfg.....8215**  
Includes incidental blending. Application of fertilizer by use of farm machinery or equipment to be separately rated under code 0050. Fertilizer mfg. to be separately rated under Code 4583.

**MN EXCEPTION:**

**ADD MN EXCEPTION:**

NONE

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