

**THE FERTILISER
(Inorganic, Organic or Mixed)
(CONTROL) ORDER, 1985**

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THE FERTILISER (MOVEMENT CONTROL) ORDER, 1973

and

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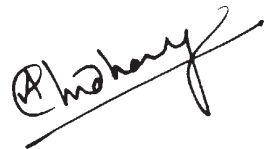
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PREFACE

The Fertiliser (Control) Order came into force in 1957 to regulate the sale, the price and the quality of fertilisers. Since then and till 1985, nearly seventy amendments were made in the Order. This led to the overall review of the various provisions of the Order and in supersession of 1957 Order a comprehensive revised Order was issued with effect from September 25, 1985 known as The Fertiliser (Control) Order 1985.

The FCO 1985 was published by The Fertiliser Association of India (FAI) in February, 1986. FCO is a dynamic Order and subsequent editions were published by FAI progressively to incorporate various amendments made by the Government from time to time. The Twentieth edition of FCO 1985 was brought out in March 2023. The current Twenty First edition includes amendments issued upto November 2023.

The publication FCO, 1985 also includes **The Fertiliser (Movement Control) Order, 1973** and **The Essential Commodities Act, 1955** (Act No.10 of 1955), incorporating up-to-date amendments as these are relevant to FCO, 1985.



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