



AAPFCO Vote - Major Milestones Achieved in Plant Biostimulant Regulation

We are happy to announce that the American Plant Food Control Officials (AAPFCO) voted to move the Beneficial Substances Model Bill to Official. This vote is a significant step forward in standardizing definitions and rules for fertilizers and plant biostimulants, promoting uniform labeling, and ensuring the safe use of these innovative products. This bill paves the way for state regulation and registration, enhancing the integrity and reliability of our industry's products. States can adopt the new model bill into their rules to encourage uniform regulation of products like humic and fulvic acids.

The language for this bill can be found on pages 9-17 in the pdf link below.

https://www.aapfco.org/2024/24_WA_agenda_021224.pdf

While state adoption of this new language will take time, industry members should view this as a significant stride toward achieving our collective goals.

The progress with the model bill at the state level is ahead of parallel efforts at the Federal level. Currently under Congressional consideration, the Plant Biostimulant Act represents our next critical milestone. Recently, HPTA Board members received an update from Sen. Braun's office, introducing revised language that balances interests across the political spectrum. This streamlined approach seeks federal recognition and regulation of plant biostimulants, clearly distinguishing them from pesticides under FIFRA. We urge you to contact your congressional representatives to advocate for the Plant Biostimulant Act.

Best regards,

HPTA Board

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