

STORAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR CALCIUM AMMONIUM NITRATE (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS CAN) AND NITROGEN FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIVES:

- 1.1.** During the cold season (15 September to 15 April), the pre-packaged product may be stored in closed, covered (roofing may not have transparent inserts or skylights), dry, ventilated and clean warehouses or outdoors, protected from direct sunlight, atmosphere precipitation, moisture (rain, snow; the bag must not be placed in water and water must not accumulate on the bag).
- 1.2.** During the cold season (15 September to 15 April), the bulk product may be stored in closed, covered (roofing may not have transparent inserts or skylights), dry, ventilated and clean warehouses. During the cold season, the bulk product may not be stored outdoors.
- 1.3.** During the warm season (15 April to 15 September), the pre-packaged product may be stored in closed, covered (roofing must not have transparent inserts or skylights), dry, ventilated and clean warehouses. During the warm season, the pre-packaged product is not allowed to be stored outdoors or under tents in order to avoid the greenhouse effect.
- 1.4.** During the warm season (15 April to 15 September), the bulk product may be stored in closed, covered (roofing may not have transparent inserts or skylights), dry, ventilated and clean warehouses. During the warm season, the bulk product is not allowed to be stored outdoors or under tents in order to avoid the greenhouse effect. During the warm season, the bulk product is not allowed to be stored outdoors or under tents in order to avoid the greenhouse effect.
- 1.5.** Product big bags are stored in an upright position, stacked on pallets without protruding nails, wood screws, wood chips or other sharp objects that could damage the big bag.
- 1.6.** During the cold season (15 September to 15 April), CAN and nitrogen fertilizers with additives pre-packaged in big bags of 500 kg and stored in stacks may not be stacked on top of each other in more than 4 rows. When using larger bags (up to 750 kg), the number of rows to be stacked must not exceed 3.
- 1.7.** During the warm season (15 April to 15 September), CAN and nitrogen fertilizers with additives pre-packaged in big bags of 500 kg and stored in stacks may not be stacked on top of each other for more than 3 (CAN) and 4 rows (nitrogen fertilizers with additives) respectively. When larger bags are used, the number of rows to be stacked must not exceed 3.
- 1.8.** Pre-packaged and bulk product must not be stored at temperatures above 30°C.
- 1.9.** The product must be stored away from heat sources or flames, protected from flammable substances, reducers, acids, alkalis, sulphur, chlorates, chlorides, chromates, nitrites, permanganates, metal powders (especially zinc), substances containing copper, nickel, cobalt, zinc or their alloys. Avoid storing the product in hot rooms or in direct sunlight, damaging the product packaging, getting moisture into the product, contamination with incompatible materials (fertilizers and other substances containing elemental sulphur, urea, nitrogen phosphor potassium, nitrogen phosphor and/or nitrogen potassium urea-based fertilizers), lubricants, flammable substances. On farms using these fertilizers, it must be ensured that they are not stored together with hay, straws, crop, diesel fuel, lubricants.
- 1.10.** Smoking is prohibited in the product storage areas.
- 1.11.** A sufficient distance must be maintained between piles of bulk product to prevent contamination of the product with other substances.

1.12. The height of piles of bulk fertilizers or stacks of pre-packaged fertilizers must be such that there is a distance of at least 1 m between them and the ridge, beams and lamp holders. The size of the fertilizer piles depends on the layout of the warehouse; however, they must be stacked in such a way that there is a gap of at least 3 m around them for access with vehicles to organize unloading in the event of emergency.

1.13. Economic operators selling, using and storing these fertilizers must comply with Regulation (EU) No 98/2013, as amended and supplemented, that requires the reporting of suspicious transactions, significant disappearances and thefts of those fertilizers to the national contact centre of the Member State where the suspicious transaction, disappearance or theft was committed.

1.14. The guaranteed shelf life of CAN and nitrogen fertilizers with additives stored in warehouses, sheds or under a roof is 12 months from the date of manufacture, and 10 months from the date of manufacture when stored outdoors.