

the agricultural college nor its chemists nor its agent or agents or the sender of any sample furnish any information or communicate with any manufacturer of fertilizers about any such samples submitted for analysis, until after a report of said analysis shall have been duly furnished to the applicant for such analysis under this section ; provided, that all samples sent to the Maryland Agricultural College by any purchaser or purchasers shall be drawn from at least five per cent. of the total number of bags purchased, these samples to be thoroughly mixed in a clean, dry place and a suitable sample shall be taken from said mixture and placed in a suitable vessel or vessels carefully closed, with an identifying label, and the same then taken or sent by safe carriage to the said college for analysis ; every sample for analysis by the State chemist as provided for by this section shall be fully described in forms to be furnished by said chemist free of charge, said description giving a full and complete statement of the time and place of sampling of all marks on the bags or packages thereof and all the facts relating to the same ; said description and statements shall be made under affidavit before a justice of the peace or notary public and the same shall be retained as confidential by the said justice or notary until required by this section to be sent to the State chemist ; provided, further, that the purchaser or purchasers sending such sample or samples shall withhold said description or descriptions of said sample or samples until he has received the report of the said State chemist of the analysis of the same. Any person or persons receiving an analysis from the State chemist under this section shall immediately thereafter forward to him the statement required by this section to be made at the time of taking the sample or samples ; and any person or persons violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of one hundred dollars ; and any manufacturer, agent or representative who shall be convicted of making false and fraudulent representations as to the quality and constituent elements of any fertilizers by the printed analysis upon any such bag or package shall be fined one hundred dollars for the first offense and two hundred dollars for every subsequent offense thereafter ; and the report of the analysis of any such sample of fertilizer sent to the Agricultural College for examination under this section shall be *prima facie* evidence as to the quality of the lot of fertilizer from which said sample was taken.