

SCHEDULE 1

MANNER OF TAKING, MARKING, SEALING AND FASTENING UP OF SAMPLES

PART IV

TAKING AND PREPARATION OF SAMPLES

Final samples

4. The final samples shall be obtained in the following manner—
 - (a) in the case of solid fertilisers, the reduced sample or where necessary the aggregate sample shall be thoroughly mixed and divided into three or, in the circumstances set out in section 77(2), four similar and approximately equal parts, and each part placed in an appropriate airtight container;
 - (b) in the case of fluid fertilisers the reduced sample or where necessary the aggregate sample shall be thoroughly mixed and at once divided into three or, in the circumstances set out in section 77(2) divided into four similar and approximately equal parts by pouring successive portions into appropriate airtight containers.

The containers used shall be such that the characteristics of the fertiliser at the time of sampling are preserved. In the case of a sample e.g. ammonium nitrate which is to be tested for particle size, precautions shall be taken to ensure that the physical condition of the sample does not change between sample and test. Where any void would occur within the sample container the sample may be placed in a plastic bag before being put in the final container and in that event the void shall be filled with a neutral product which will not affect either the physical or chemical composition of the sample. For the tests specified in Schedule 2. Method 16 a-g, the final samples shall be kept at a temperature between 0° and 25°C.