

## PETROKIMIA GRESIK DISTRIBUTE SUBSIDIZED FERTILIZER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ALLOCATION

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Facing the planting season in the early 2020, Petrokimia Gresik, an agro-industry solution company that is a member of Pupuk Indonesia holding, is committed to distributing subsidized fertilizer according to the allocation determined by the government.

Based on Agriculture Minister Regulation (Permentan) No. 01/2020 which concerning the Allocation and Highest Retail Price of Subsidized Fertilizers for Fiscal Year 2020, which was published on January 2, 2020, stipulated that the allocation of national subsidized fertilizers in 2020 are 7.94 million tons.

Petrokimia Gresik Corporate Secretary Yusuf Wibisono stated that the Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture regulates the allocation of subsidized fertilizer at the provincial level. Furthermore, the provincial government through the Provincial Agriculture Council Decree Letter (SK) distributes the allocation to the district level. Furthermore, the district government, through the District Agriculture council, distributes it to the district level.

"Those regulations become the guide for us in distributing subsidized fertilizer," said Yusuf.

Regarding the decreased allocation of subsidized fertilizer in various regions, Yusuf stated that the allocation of national subsidized fertilizer in the last two years has indeed decreased. In 2018 the government will allocate 9.55 million tons of subsidized fertilizer. This allocation then decreased to 8.87 million tons (2019) and again decreased to 7.94 million tons (2020).

"So this decrease has an impact on almost all regions in, including in East Java," he said.

However, Yusuf continued, Petrokimia Gresik has principle for always ready to distribute subsidized fertilizer in accordance with the allocation of government assignment.

"From 7.94 million tons national subsidized fertilizer allocation, Petrokimia Gresik got the distribute allocation as much as 4.17 million tons," he said.

Regarding the planting season at the beginning of this year, Petrokimia Gresik has prepared a subsidized fertilizer stock of 744.816 tons. The details are 48.881 tons Urea fertilizer, ZA 129.075 tons, SP-36 132.830 tons, NPK Phonska 421.288 tons and Petroganik organic 12.742 tons.

Petrokimia Gresik responsible distributes the subsidized fertilizers in some areas. The distribution for Urea fertilizer is in 27 districts in East Java, NPK Phonska is throughout Indonesia (except 17 districts in West Java), Petroganik is throughout Indonesia (except Banten and West Java), ZA and SP-36 is throughout Indonesia.

For Gresik district, East Java, Petrokimia Gresik has prepared subsidized fertilizer stock of 161,737 tons. The details are Urea fertilizer 900 tons, ZA 13,926 tons, SP-36 30,206 tons, NPK Phonska 116,477 tons, and organic fertilizer Petroganik 228 tons.

Whereas farmers who get the subsidized fertilizer are farmers who work on land of no more than 2 hectares, grouped into farmer groups (Poktan), and draw up a Definitive Plan for Group Needs (RDKK).

For the distribution, Petrokimia Gresik guided on Regulation of Trade Ministry (Permendag) No. 15/2013 about Procurement and Distribution of Subsidized Fertilizers for the Agriculture Sector.

The distribution was also escorted by 77 Regional Representative Staff Sales or SPDP and 323 assistant Petrokimia Gresik SPDP throughout the archipelago. They were routine in coordinating with Department of Agriculture, Field Extension Officers (PPL), farmer groups, to local authorities.

The facilities of Petrokimia Gresik are 323 warehouses with total capacity 1,2 million tons, 676 distributor, and 28 thousand official stalls.

"While for Gresik district itself, there is 1 warehouse, 4 distributor and 104 official stalls" He said.

Yusuf conveyed that Petrokimia Gresik hardly guided on 6 Right Principles that is Right Place, Right Price, Right Amount, Right Quality, Right Type, and Right Time. In addition, the government also supervises through the Fertilizer and Pesticide Control Commission (KP3) found in all regions, both at the provincial and district levels.

Besides has a responsibility in providing subsidized fertilizer, Petrokimia Gresik also preparing commercial fertilizer stock (non-subsidized). This step is a solution for farmer who are the fertilizer needs is not allocated in subsidized scheme.

"So that the farmer needs of fertilizer can be fulfilled," he added.

Petrokimia Gresik also urges farmers to follow the recommendation of balanced fertilization 5: 3: 2. Where for one hectare is given 500kg of organic fertilizer Petroganik, 300kg of NPK Phonska or Phonska Plus fertilizer, and 200kg of Urea fertilizer.

Balanced fertilization is a solution from Petrokimia Gresik for the efficient fertilizer use. So that the limited subsidized fertilizer allocation could be more effective and efficient, with the maximal result.

Yusuf reminded that his team did not hesitate to crack down on distributors and distributors of subsidized fertilizers who are found cheating. Subsidized fertilizers are goods under supervision and must be distributed according to the rules. All forms of fraud will be done with the authorities.

"Every act of misuse of subsidized fertilizer can be charged with a maximum criminal law of 5 years in prison," he ended.

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