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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

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**SUBJECT: UPDATED GUIDELINES IN THE TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION  
OF AGRICULTURAL CERTIFIED PESTICIDE APPLICATORS (CPA)  
- FUMIGATOR AND EXTERMINATOR**

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**I. SCOPE, PURPOSE, AND APPLICATION**

To update and upgrade the technical knowledge of the commercial users and distributors in line with the standards and/or protocols set by FPA, an accreditation program is designed adhering to FPA's mandate to educate the agricultural sector in the application of pesticides.

In the years FPA has been conducting CPA trainings in partnership with accredited training associations, its nature and scope has evolved, to wit:

- (a) Prior to 1990, the FPA trainings conducted for CPA covered household/urban pesticide namely: CPA-Fumigator and CPA-Exterminator.
- (b) In 1990, FPA started the conduct of trainings on CPA-Agricultural Exterminator (Institutional) for pest exterminators in banana plantations.
- (c) In 2007, the jurisdiction over household/urban pesticides was transferred to the Food and Drug Administration pursuant to Supreme Court Decision No. G.R. 161594, thus, FPA caused the use of "agricultural fumigator" and "agricultural exterminator" in its accreditation activities to denote the kinds of accreditation it provides.

The FPA recognizes the need to update its accreditation guidelines, trainings modules and manuals, both for fumigators and exterminators which shall include among others, topics on agricultural pests and diseases, management, and control.

This Circular shall cover agricultural certified pesticide applicators obtaining accreditation from the FPA as Fumigator and Exterminator.

## II. AREAS OF ACTIVITY COVERAGE

1. Crops
2. Grains
3. Ornamentals
4. Raw Wood Materials
5. Seed Crops
6. Trees
7. Turfs
8. Wood Packaging Materials

## III. DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. *Accreditation* – authorization, manifested in accreditation card, accorded to individuals who attended the training course, passed the written examination and complied with all the requirements. For CPA, it gives him/her the right to apply restricted pesticides, but not to purchase and enter into commercial contracts for pest control work.
2. *Exterminator* – a CPA who uses liquid and powder forms of pesticides in the control/treatment of agricultural pests and diseases.
3. *Fumigator* – a CPA who uses gaseous pesticides or fumigants in the control/treatment of agricultural pests.
4. *Agricultural Products* – refers to products of plant origin such as wood, rattan, among others.
5. *Certified Pesticide Applicator (CPA)* – a person who has attended the required training, passed the FPA licensure examination and accredited as an individual with the capacity to safely manage the handling of pesticides.
6. *Pest Control Operator (PCO)* – refers to the establishment engaged in commercial application of pesticides and other pest control services.
7. *Raw Wood Materials* – refers to the wood (e.g. lumber, plywood, rattan, etc.) to be used in making furniture for export, which shall undergo treatment prior to its production/manufacture as furniture or handicrafts as required by the importing country.
8. *Wood Packaging Materials* – refers to pallets, crates and lead frames use in the exportation of goods which shall be treated as required by the importing country.



#### **IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF AGRICULTURAL CPA**

1. The CPA shall demonstrate competence and practical knowledge in the following areas:
  - ☐ Safe use, handling, storage and disposal of restricted pesticides;
  - ☐ Life cycle of wide variety of agricultural pests and diseases;
  - ☐ Types of formulations appropriate for pest extermination and fumigation;
  - ☐ Safe and effective pest control management; and
  - ☐ Appropriate protective clothing.
2. The CPA shall have direct supervision of service technicians and shall always be present during application of the restricted pesticides.
3. The CPA shall ensure that only FPA-registered pesticides shall be used/applied.
4. The CPA shall keep a record of the name and address of clients, pesticide formulation and volume used, and the target pests most especially when restricted pesticides were used. All these records shall be made available to FPA every six (6) months.
5. The CPA shall inform FPA of the termination of his services with the FPA's licensed Pest Control Operator (PCO) and his movement to another pest control company.
6. In case of in-house CPA, his service is limited only to his own company/office specified in his accreditation card.
7. The CPA shall regularly attend symposium or seminar sponsored by FATA to update and upgrade his technical knowledge.

#### **V. GUIDELINES**

##### **A. Qualification, Training and Examination**

1. There will be a standard module for each type of CPA trainings;
2. The duration of the training is three (3) days;
3. The administration of CPA exam shall follow a day after the training;
4. The concerned FATA shall ensure that the training participants for fumigator and exterminator possess the following qualifications:
  - a. A Filipino citizen;
  - b. Of legal age; and
  - c. Have a college level of education.

5. Only applicants who have attended the training course shall be allowed to take the FPA examination;
6. The passing mark is set at 70%. However, those who obtained a rating of 66% to 69.4% may take one (1) removal examination within one (1) year from the date of issuance of test result without undergoing another training;
7. The names of passers shall be published at the FPA website within 30 days from examination date; and
8. At the end of the course, the concerned FPA Accredited Training Association (FATA) and its resource speakers shall be assessed by the training participants and FPA's Regional Officer. The results of the assessments and the percentage of passers are the factors in the evaluation of the FATA for the renewal of its accreditation with FPA.

#### **B. Accreditation**

- ☐ Requirements for NEW applicant
  1. Accomplished application with 1x1 latest picture (white background)
  2. Certificate of attendance to applicable training
  3. Passed the written examination
  4. Certificate of employment from licensed PCO
- ☐ Requirements for RENEWAL
  1. Accomplished application with 1x1 latest picture (white background)
  2. Certificate of attendance to symposium
  3. Certificate of employment from licensed PCO

#### **VI. VALIDITY AND FEE**

The applicable Accreditation Card shall be issued by the FPA after evaluation and compliance with the requirements for CPA – Fumigator and Exterminator.

The accreditation fee is ₱600 with a validity of one (1) year from the date of its issuance. No surcharges shall be imposed on late renewal.

#### **VII. PENALTIES**

Administrative sanctions shall be imposed against violators of this Circular, which include suspension of accreditation, as the case maybe, and other sanctions and penalty the FPA is empowered under its charter without prejudice to the filing of criminal case under the penal provision of Presidential Decree No. 1144.



#### **VIII. REPEALING CLAUSE**

Pertinent provisions under FPA Pesticide Regulatory Policies and Implementing Guidelines (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Dec. 2001), other issuances and existing rules inconsistent with this Circular are hereby amended, modified and repealed accordingly.


#### **IX. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

In case any provision of this Circular is declared invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be in any way affected or impaired thereby.

#### **X. EFFECTIVITY**

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

**APPROVED:**

  
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