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TO : **FERTILIZER REGULATIONS DIVISION (FRD)**
PESTICIDE REGULATIONS DIVISION (PRD)
FPA REGIONAL FIELD UNITS (RFU)
ALL FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDE HANDLERS

SUBJECT : **TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ACCEPTANCE OF SAMPLES FOR ANALYSIS USING UV-VISIBLE SPECTROPHOTOMETER**

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This is to inform all concerned stakeholders that the existing UV-Visible Spectrophotometer unit at the FPA Laboratory Services Division (LSD) started to malfunction on March 21, 2022. Upon diagnosis of the equipment's service engineer, it was recommended for repair and replacement of defective parts.

In view of the foregoing, please be advised that the LSD will temporarily not accept the request for the analysis of samples using a UV-Visible Spectrometer which includes the **total phosphorus, available phosphorus, biuret, boron, and indole-3-butyric acid.**

As such, all fertilizer and pesticide handlers and FPA Regional Field Units (RFUs) are also advised to coordinate with our Fertilizer Regulations Division (FRD) and Pesticide Regulations Division (PRD) to facilitate the endorsement of samples for analysis to other laboratories. The LSD will resume accepting samples for the analysis of the above-mentioned test parameters soon after the repair of the equipment is completed.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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