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**TO : ALL FERTILIZER STAKEHOLDERS
FPA REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL OFFICERS
THIS OFFICE**

FROM : OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF EXISTING PRODUCT REGISTRATIONS AND
LICENSES OF HANDLERS USING THE "SPINNING PALANGGANA"
METHOD IN FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AND TEMPORARY
NON-ACCEPTANCE OF NEW AND RENEWAL APPLICATIONS
FOR LICENSES AND REGISTRATION OF FERTILIZERS DERIVED
FROM THE SAID METHOD**

Pursuant to Sections 6.I.4, 6.I.5, and 6.II.9 of Presidential Decree (P.D.) 1144, the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) has the powers and functions to promulgate rules and regulations for the registration and licensing of handlers of fertilizers, pesticides, and other agricultural chemicals, as well as the renewal, suspension, revocation, or cancellation of such registration or license; to establish and impose appropriate penalties on handlers of these products for violations of any rules and regulations established by the FPA; and to approve or reject the establishment of new fertilizer or fertilizer input plants and the expansion or contraction of existing capacities.

In response to the proliferation of alleged "fake" and off-specification fertilizers in the Philippines, the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) conducted intensified monitoring through its Regional Field Units (RFUs). Fertilizer samples were collected from various licensed handlers in the Philippines including local manufacturers to ensure that the quality of fertilizer products available to the public conforms to the prescribed standards.

Upon evaluation, most, if not all, of the samples collected from local manufacturers using the "Spinning Palanggana" method (**Annex A**) have showed failed laboratory analysis



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results, which lead to the rampant proliferation of off-specification fertilizers in the market and farmers' fields, thus, affecting both the dealers and the local farmers.

Furthermore, inconsistencies in the production process have also been observed during the inspection of the manufacturing plants. These include: (1) the improper handling of volatile chemicals in production; (2) estimation or uncontrolled measurement of the amount of each raw material; (3) variations between the operation and final outputs produced by the individuals operating the "Spinning Palanggana"; and (4) absence of quality control methods or processes. Thus, consistency and accuracy have not been established in the production.

In view thereof, this Office hereby orders the **suspension of the existing Certificates of Product Registration (CPRs) and licenses of manufacturers, formulators, processors, and bulk blenders utilizing the "Spinning Palanggana" method**, until such time that these companies have presented an FPA-approved plant design with a science-based and technically acceptable process for fertilizer manufacturing. Moreover, **New and Renewal applications for licenses and product registration of fertilizers derived from this method shall not be accepted**. This is to mitigate the situation and compel local manufacturers of fertilizers to further study and improve their production system for a more stable and quality fertilizer products.

Lastly, this Office hereby reminds all persons concerned that Section 9 of Presidential Decree No. 1144, Series of 1977 states that *"no fertilizer, or other agricultural chemical shall be exported, imported, manufactured, formulated, stored distributed, sold or offered for sale, transported, delivered for transportation or used unless it has been duly registered with the FPA or covered by a numbered provisional permit issued by FPA for use in accordance with the conditions as stipulated in the permit and that for such activities, a license must be duly issued by the FPA"*.

Considering the foregoing, the FPA, in the pursuit of its duties and functions, may suspend, revoke, or modify the registration of any fertilizer and other agricultural chemicals of any handlers found violating this Office's rules and regulations, after due notice and hearing.

This Circular shall supersede all other issuances inconsistent herewith and shall take effect immediately upon signing hereof.

Signed on the 12th day of August 2022.

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ANNEX A

Photos of the "Spinning Palanggana" Method of Fertilizer Production



Management System
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