

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDE AUTHORITY

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To:

All concerned

Subject:

Banning of the use of Fipronil in banana

It has come to our attention that some of our banana exports to Japan, in which the chemical Fipronil was used, were found to have exceeded the allowable Maximum Residue Limit (MRL).

Consequently, an emergency meeting was conducted and was participated in by the Plant Quarantine Service (PQS), Plant Product Safety Services (PPSS), Pilipino Banana Growers and Exporters Association, Inc (PBGEA), and the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA). This resulted in the group's consensus to recommend the banning of the said chemical in its use in banana.

In view thereof, to prevent recurrence/s of the same issue, the registration of Fipronil for use in banana is hereby revoked, effective immediately. All registrants with this active ingredient are hereby ordered to amend their labels reflecting the cancellation of its use in banana.

All other registered uses however, remain the same.

Please be guided accordingly.

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