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SUBJECT: GUIDELINES FOR THE EMERGENCY USE FOR SECOND-GENERATION ANTI-COAGULANT RODENTICIDES FOR RICE

The guidelines for the emergency use permit for second-generation anti-coagulant rodenticides in rice are as follows:

1. Training on the safe handling and use of second-generation anti-coagulant rodenticides will be given to farmers, selected distributors and dealers in the affected area. An FPA representative will be present in every training.

2. Trained farmers will be given a certificate and a coupon as proof of training completion. The coupon will be used for purchasing and it must contain the farmer's name, size and location of area farmed and quantity needed. This coupon will be issued by FPA to the farmer upon assessment of the situation and verification of his training attendance.

3. Only distributors and dealers who underwent the training and were issued certificates will be allowed to sell second-generation rodenticides.

 The dealers or distributors will keep all coupons and surrender these to the company concerned. The companies will use these in liquidating the quantity of rodenticide purchased.

5. Antidote kits will be provided to the distributors, dealers, provincial and regional hospitals in the affected area. Recipients of the kits will be briefed on its use and monitoring.

 Any untoward incident should be immediately reported, investigated and documented. Reports will be submitted to FPA for evaluation and subsequent remedial action, if necessary.

The use of these second-generation anti-coagulant rodenticides for rice has been granted since the traditional rodent control measures have limited control. These rodenticides are needed to augment the existing practices to remedy the situation.

These guidelines will be limited to Regions III and VIII and maybe extended to other regions, if such problem arises. FPA may issue updates on the extension of use and/or additional guidelines as required.

This emergency use permit is good until 31 December 2000.

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