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Subject: Prescribing A License Fee to Hardware Selling Structural Pesticide with Annual Sales of Less than P50,000

As a result of field inspection and clean up drive activities, there is a proliferation of unlicensed hardware stores selling structural pesticides in various areas in the provinces and municipalities all throughout the country. These stores are found to be selling banned, unregistered and fake pesticides and are used by some illegal manufacturers and formulators of fake pesticide products as distribution and selling outlets. Likewise, some pesticide companies also distribute their products to these unlicensed hardware stores contrary to the provisions of PD 1144 and its implementing rules and regulations.

The proliferation of illegal activities in the distribution and selling of banned, unregistered and fake pesticides may be reduced when these hardware stores are licensed under FPA as monitoring of their activities and enforcement of FPA rules and regulations may be easily facilitated. Likewise, the unscrupulous manufacturers or formulators of these illegal pesticide products may be denied of their distribution outlets and pesticide companies may use these licensed hardware stores as legitimate distribution centers.

Owners of these hardware stores are willing to undergo training and licensing as long as the license fee is rationalized considering their limited volume of annual sales for structural pesticide products.

In view of the above considerations and as per guidelines on schedule of fees and charges for accreditation and licensing of pesticide handlers, hardware stores selling structural pesticides with an annual sales of less than FIFTY THOUSAND (P50,000.00) PESOS are required to pay a license fee of SIX HUNDRED (P600.00) PESOS for a period of three (3) years. This fee does not apply to the renewal of existing hardware stores licensed prior to this circular unless they request for reclassification and show proof that they fall within the annual sales herein prescribed.

This order takes effect immediately and the prescribed license fee shall be implemented only after 15 days of the date of publication in a newspaper of wide circulation.

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