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VISION

Improved quality of life for all Filipinos through increased farm productivity and food production using the necessary agricultural inputs that do not endanger human health and environment on a sustainable basis.

MISSION

To be a catalyst in the empowerment of farmers and fisherfolk by helping them become better informed, and more efficient and conscientious in the management of their plant nutrition and crop protection requirements and preservation of marine and aquatic resources.

MESSAGE FROM THE *Executive Director*



The year 2013 was a challenging and fruitful year for the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA). Despite the challenges FPA has encountered, it has withstood its mandate in the pursuit of serving the Filipino farmers by making available quality fertilizer and pesticide products at reasonable prices.

The completion and publication of the Fertilizer Regulatory Policies and Implementing Guidelines or the Bluebook serves as a guide to the different fertilizer industry stakeholders as well as the general public. The Bluebook outlines the guidelines and procedures for fertilizer product registration and issuance of licenses to different fertilizer handlers.

In addition, the Laboratory Services Division has been in full operation in 2013, analyzing different primary, secondary macronutrients and micronutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium, calcium, magnesium, boron, manganese, zinc and other agricultural chemicals.

With strong collaboration of the FPA with the National Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee (NALECC), Philippine National Police (PNP), Department of Justice (DOJ), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), the FPA was able to apprehend fertilizer and pesticide smugglers and violators, where the cases are now filed in different courts of the Philippines.

With the commitment and dedication of all FPA personnel and the cooperation of different fertilizer and pesticide stakeholders, we at the FPA, can fully attain our mandate of providing our farmers quality fertilizers and pesticides necessary to maximize farm productivity and ensure the food security of the country as well as in protecting the public from the risks inherit in the use of pesticides.

Thank you and more power to all!

NORLITO R. GICANA, CESO III
Executive Director

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Accomplishments

On May 30, 1977, Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) was created to assure the agricultural sector of adequate supplies of fertilizer and pesticide products at reasonable prices, rationalize the manufacture and marketing of fertilizer, protecting the public from the inherent risk in the use of pesticide and educate the sector in the use of fertilizer and pesticide.

On this context, FPA continuously implement and strengthen its regulatory functions in accordance with the provisions of Presidential Decree 1144 and its Implementing rules and regulations

FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDE REGULATORY SERVICES

Product Registration

Fertilizer and pesticide (agricultural) products distributed in the Philippines must first be registered with the FPA. The registrant companies must comply with all the requirements of the FPA prior to the approval of the products being registered.

For the year 2013, a total of 1,781 F/P products were registered, in which 1,291 belong to pesticide and 490 to fertilizer.



Warehouse Registration

Storage of fertilizers and pesticides poses potential risk to ground or surface water. For this reason, the FPA requires that all fertilizer and pesticide warehouses be registered with this Agency and comply with all the government regulations on the proper storage and handling of all fertilizer and pesticide products. It is essential then that a warehouse/storage is properly sited, designed, constructed and operated.

During the year, 340 warehouse applications were approved in the Central Office while 613 applications were renewed in the Regional Offices, or a total of 953 approved applications.

Experimental Use Permit (EUP)

Experimental Use Permit (EUP) is approved by the FPA before any bioefficacy field test is conducted by an FPA Accredited Researcher to generate the data required in the registration of fertilizer and pesticide products. EUPs approved in 2013 totaled to 522 bioefficacy field tests, of which 240 were fertilizers and 282 were pesticides.

Licensing of Handlers

All fertilizer and pesticide handlers, such as importers, exporters, manufacturers, formulators, indentors, distributors, dealers and repackers are required to have their respective licenses in place before they open their businesses. Failure to obtain or renew the license shall result in fines, notices and closure of their businesses.

For 2013, FPA issued a total of 2,798 licenses. The Central Office accounts for 1,278 while 1,520 for the Regional Offices.

Trainings

As part of the FPA's regulation process, attendance to trainings and passing the FPA examinations are the pre-requisites in the issuance of a new license/accreditation. On the other hand, attendance to symposium is required before a license/accreditation can be renewed.

For the year 2013, there were 57 trainings and symposia conducted/ coordinated with a total of 2,685 participants, to wit:



Type of Training	No. of Trainings	No. of Participants		
		Male	Female	Total
Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD)	38	686	611	1,297
Accredited Responsible Care Officer (ARCO)	4	94	40	134
Accredited Researcher	3	25	20	45
Mango Contractor	4	235	59	294
Certified Pesticide Applicator (CPA)				
- Agricultural Exterminator	2	69	17	86
- Fumigator	2	74	37	111
CPA- Symposia	4	534	184	718
TOTAL	57	1,717	968	2,685

Accreditation

In 2013, a total of 1,940 fertilizer and pesticide handlers' representatives were accredited, broken down as follows:

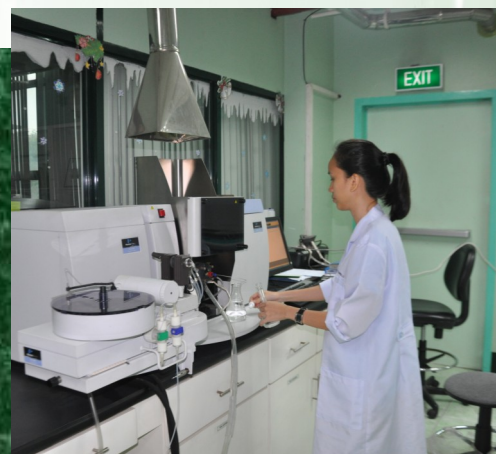
Accredited Safety Dispenser	1,224
Accredited Responsible Care Officer	155
Certified Pesticide Applicator	
- Agricultural Exterminator	174
- Fumigator	266
Accredited Researcher	
- Fertilizer	22
- Pesticide	99
TOTAL	1,940

Laboratory Services

In year 2013, the Fertilizer Section of the Laboratory Services Division was already in full operation. All types of fertilizer products for quality monitoring and product registration purposes are analyzed in the laboratory.

Fertilizer samples from different regions of the country are forwarded to the FPA Laboratory to confirm the quality of fertilizer products that are being distributed and used in Philippine Agriculture. The new fertilizer products that are being applied for registration at FPA are also analyzed based on the guaranteed analysis or specifications claimed by the registrants.

The Laboratory had approved and released a total of 602 Laboratory Test Results for the 1,747 parameters analyzed out of 654 fertilizer samples received for analysis.



Philippine National Single Window (PNSW)

The FPA is one the agencies of government that was included in the PNSW project under the Bureau of Customs. PNSW is an internet-based system that allows FPA clients to submit their applications for permit to import/export fertilizer and pesticide products including the required documents on-line. With the shortened processing time, the FPA was able to approve 4,182 applications.



Field Monitoring and Enforcement

The FPA-Field Units (FUs) is tasked with the enforcement of regulatory policies nationwide covering the fourteen (14) geographical regions. These units enforce policies, rules and regulations in terms of licensing of handlers; quality monitoring of both fertilizer and pesticide products; monitoring of prices, supply and demand; inventories of stocks; conducts information and dissemination on the safe and judicious use of fertilizers and pesticides; conducts training as a pre-licensing activity; issues renewal of licenses of handlers; monitors poisoning cases; and files cases on violations of FPA rules and regulations.

The FUs accomplished a total of 16,722 inspections to different handlers nationwide and conducted 147 clean-up drives operations in different provinces. Further, out of the 509 dealer stores verified and investigated, 77 were found to be violators of the FPA rules and regulations which resulted to the issuance of the “Stop Use, Stop Move and Stop Sale (SUMS) Order.

As regards to the compliance with occupational health and safety standards, inspection was made to 26 manufacturing plants, in which 3 were fertilizer plants and 23 were pesticide plants.



Information and Education Campaign

The FPA-Regional Offices continuously conduct trainings as well as attend to radio guestings to constantly promote the safe and judicious use of fertilizers and pesticides.

In addition to the regular information materials which the FPA disseminated, a "Peryodikit" featuring the four (4) "FPA Paalala" posters were also published, in coordination with Pesticide Industries (CroLife, CPAP and PICMA) and the High Value Crops Development Program of the Department of Agriculture.



FPA Paalala #2

Mula sa Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority kasama ang CroLife, CPAP at PICMA
TULONG SA MAGSASAKANG PILIPINO

BAKA ABONADO KA PA SA PEKENG ABONO!

'Wag Tayong Papaloko!

Sinisiguro ng Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) na epektibo at mapakinabangan ng husto ng mga magsasaka bago mabigyan ng rehistro ang paggamit ng anumang abono sa ating mga taniman.

Dapat ang abono ay ligtas para sa mga magsasaka, nakakapagpataba ng mga pananim at maliw. Iban sa mga peste, Lalaki ang ani at ang mga nila ng mga epekto.

TIPS para matiyak na sertipikado ang abono

1. Sa ETIKETA pa lang ay bistado na ang pekeng abono. Sorling mahusay.
2. Tiyakang rehistrado sa FPA ang abonong gagamitin sa sakahan. Bumili tamang sa mga outlet na rehistrado sa FPA dahil naglalaman ang mga peke at delikadong produkto sa merkado.
3. Gamitin lang ang abono kapag napansing kinukulang sa sustansya ang halaman. Ipaguri at alamin ang katangian at pangangailangan ng abono ng inyong lupa.
4. Tiyakang tama ang paraan ng paggamit at sapat ang ginagamit na abono batay sa ETIKETA.
5. Ugaling sumangguni sa mga technician, extension workers at mga dalubhanga ng DA/FPA para sa mga makalago at tamang pamamaraan ng pamamahala ng inyong sakahan.

FPA Paalala #3

Mula sa Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority kasama ang CroLife, CPAP at PICMA
TULONG SA MAGSASAKANG PILIPINO

IBA NA 'PAG WASTO ANG PAGGAMIT NG PESTISIDYO AT ABONO

Malaking Tulong Ito sa Kita at Pag-unlad ng Ating Sakahan

Nag-iingat ang Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) na sa pangangailangan ng mga magsasaka sa paggamit ng abono at pestisidyo, higit na

TIPS sa tamang paggamit ng mga abono at pestisidyo:

1. Sa ETIKETA pa lang makikita na ang tamang gabay sa paggamit ng mga ito. Sorling mahusay.
2. Siguraduhing rehistrado sa FPA ang mga produktong paggamitin sa mga taniman. Sa dealer lang na rehistrado sa FPA bumili ng mga ito. Muraming peke at delikado na produktong nilalaho.
3. Gamitin lang ang abono kung kailangan ng sustansya ng halaman. Ang pestisidyo ay makahahilong kung may mga pesteng kailangang puksain dahil nakakasira sa mga pananim.
4. Gamitin sa tamang dosis at sa tamang pamamaraan ang mga ito. Nakapaloko sa etiketa ang wastong paggamit ng mga abono at pestisidyo.
5. Siguruhing tama, narapat at sapat ang mga produkto sa inyong pangangailangan sa sakahan. Laging sumangguni sa mga technician, extension worker, at mga eksperto ng DA/FPA.

SA TAMANG PAGGAMIT, MAS MATIPID, MAS MALAKI ANG KITA!

FPA Paalala #1

Mula sa Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority kasama ang CroLife, CPAP at PICMA
TULONG SA MAGSASAKANG PILIPINO

Gusto mong makasiguro?

Walang 'color band'
Walang 'Reg. No.'

Bumili ng rehistradong pestisidyo sa lisensiyadong tindahan

Hindi dahil sa maganda ang botelya, bag at etiketa ng isang pestisidyo ay mabuti na itong gamitin ng mga magsasaka. Laganap ngayon ang mga peke - at ilegal - na pestisidyo. Karamihan dito ay mga 'smuggled' at hindi rehistrado sa Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA). Delikado po ang mga ito.

Sinisiguro muna ng FPA na epektibo at ligtas ang mga pestisidyo bago payagan ang mga rehistradong kumpanya na magbenta ng mga produktong makatutulong sa ating pananim.

Huwag tayong paloko!

SURIING MAHUSAY ANG MGA ETIKETA NG PESTISIDYO

TIPS:

1. Siguraduhing may FPA registration number.
2. Huwag kalimutang tingnan ang 'color band' sa etiketa.
3. Tumpak ang impormasyon sa Ingles man o sa Pilipino.

FPA Paalala #4

Mula sa Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority kasama ang CroLife, CPAP at PICMA
TULONG SA MAGSASAKANG PILIPINO

HUWAG NATING IKALAT O IBAON SA LUPA

BAWAL NANG GAMITIN ANG MGA BASYO NG PESTISIDYO!

Mag-Triple Rinse. Para sa malinis na kapaligiran, kaligtasan at kapakinabangan!

Upang maging epektibo ang mga pamatay- peste sa ating mga sakahan, malimit na tinatapanang ang mga sangkap na nilalaman ng mga bote, sachet, lata o plastik nito. Ngunit 'di naman dapat mabahala kung tayu ay nag-ingat sa pagdisipata ng mga lagayan matapos maubos ang mga lamang pestisidyo. Huwag kalimutan na kailangan ng "triple rinsing" sa paglilinis nito.

Huwag na basta-basta ikalat, o kaya'y iisawi. At huwag natin itong susunugin. Itabi ng maayos ang mga basyo sa 'di maaabot ng mga bata o hayop.

Tulong-tulong nating alisin sa tama at ligtas na pamamaraan kasama ng industriya ang mga basyong ito sa ating kapaligiran.

TIPS sa Triple Rinsing

Sa sakahan mismo mag-triple rinse upang masimat at magamit pa sa sakahan

1. Lagyan ng tubig ang ¼ bahagi ng basyo ng pamatay- peste.
2. Takpang maigi ang bote at paulit-ulit na alugin.
3. Ihalo ang pinagbanlawan sa ginagamit na pang-spray. Huwag itapon sa irrigation canal o malapit sa patubig ang pinagbanlawan.
4. Gawin ito ng tatlong beses para makasiguro.

ISAMA ANG PINAGBANLAWAN NG BASYO SA SUSUNOD NA PAG-SPRAY! Dapat ubusin nang lubos ang natitirang pamatay- peste sa bote! Gamitin sa sakahan!

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Regular maintenance of FPA Website includes updates on weekly prices of fertilizer and pesticide; registered fertilizer and pesticide products and licensed handlers; invitation to bids; vacancies; FPA issuances; among others.

National Methyl Bromide (MBr) Phase-Out Strategy- Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS)

FPA strictly monitors the usage of MBr in consistent compliance to Montreal Protocol. The monitoring system on consumption of MBr has been institutionalized through Administrative Order No. 17 issued by the Department of Agriculture on 16 August 2010.

For the year 2013, FPA approved 209 permits to purchase Methyl Bromide for Quarantine Pre-Shipment Use (QPS).

Area Bay Management Plan for Manila Bay System

In compliance with the Supreme Court order, the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority together with the agencies involved in the 2011-2015 Medium Term Operational Plan for the Manila Bay Coastal Strategy (OPMBCS), were enjoined to clean the Bay from industrial and agricultural wastes.

The objective of the mandamus is to reduce pollution loading by year 2017 in order to classify the water quality as Class SB, wherein water can be used for fishing, swimming and other recreational activities.



In line with the Manila Bay System Plan, FPA has conducted nine (9) trainings on fertilizer and pesticides safe and proper use of agricultural inputs and accordingly disseminated information materials to farmers, fisherfolks, barangay leaders and local government personnel in the following areas:

Date	Venue	No. of Participants
June 10	Samal, Bataan	65
June 18	Mariveles, Bataan	43
June 20	Orion, Bataan	50
June 28	Hermosa, Bataan	63
July 2	Pansol, Calamba, Laguna	63
July 17	Tarlac City, Tarlac	363
September 20	San Jose, Calamba, Laguna	80
October 16	General Trias, Cavite	80
November 26	Naic, Cavite	55
TOTAL		863

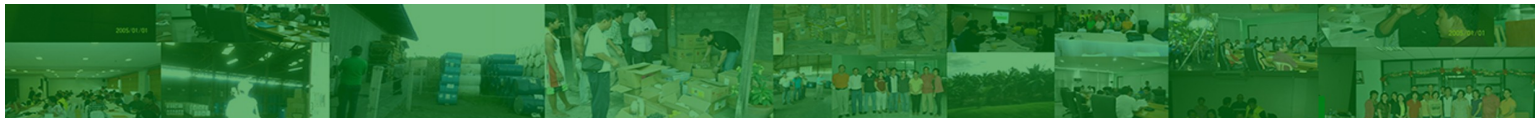


FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

The total allotment for the year is P65.1 million including the release for Automatic Appropriations. Total obligations amounted to P55 million or a utilization rate of 84% .

Obligations for Operations which composed of industry control and evaluation and enforcement of rules and regulations was 62%, while obligations related to the general administration and support to operations covered 32% and 6%, respectively.

The agency income derived from fertilizer and pesticide registration, licensing, fines, penalties and processing of various endorsements and certifications shoot up to P45.8 million or 126% from the projected income of P36.3 million.



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