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SUBJECT : PROCEDURES IN THE SELECTION OF TECHNICAL EVALUATORS FOR EVALUATION OF PESTICIDE DATA AND MEDICAL DOCTORS FOR INSPECTION OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS OF PESTICIDE HANDLERS

1.0 Purpose

This procedure provides guidance on the selection of Technical Evaluators (TE) for the evaluation of pesticide data for registration and Medical Doctors (MD) for inspection of Occupational Safety and Health Standards (OSHS) of pesticide handlers.

2.0 Scope

This procedure applies to prospective technical evaluators and medical doctors of any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the government, including government-owned and controlled corporations, or any officer or employee thereof and on the private sector, for such information or assistance as it may be in the exercise of its powers and in the performance of its functions and duties.

3.0 Definition

3.1 Technical Evaluator – a person designated by Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) through a Special Order to make an evaluation of comprehensive scientific data demonstrating that the product is effective for its intended purposes and does not pose unacceptable risk to human or animal health or to the environment.

3.2 Occupational Safety and Health Standards - By virtue of the powers vested in the Department of Labor and Employment under Article 162 of the Labor Code of the Philippines, OSHS was formulated in 1978 in compliance with the constitutional mandate to safeguard the worker's social and economic well-being as well as his physical safety and health. Adopted through the tested democratic machinery of tripartism, the 1978 Standards is considered as a landmark in Philippine labor and social legislation.

4.0 Procedure

4.1 The FPA sends letter of invitation to all prospective TE and MD of related institutions.

4.2 Interested TE and MD shall submit his/her Curriculum Vitae (CV) to FPA.

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4.3 The FPA shall select the TE and MD based on the following qualifications:

A. Pesticide Data	Qualifications for TE	Remarks
1. Specification and Label	Chemist or graduate of other allied courses	Must be officials (active/retired) from different government agencies or institutions and must not be affiliated to any pesticide business entity in the Philippines.
2. Biological Efficacy		
2.1 Insecticide	Entomologist	
2.2 Fungicide	Plant Pathologist	
2.3 Herbicide	Weed Scientist	
3. Toxicology	Medical Doctor or with MS/PhD degree on related fields of Toxicology	
4. Human Exposure	Medical Doctor	
5. Residue, Environmental Fate and Transport	Chemist or graduate of other allied courses	
B. Occupational Safety and Health Standards	Qualifications for MD	
	Medical Doctor	

4.4 After the selection process, FPA shall issue a Special Order on the composition and functions of the TE and MD yearly.

4.5 A Service Level Agreement (SLA) shall be entered into by and between FPA , TE and MD where terms and conditions shall be agreed on by both parties.


4.6 Performance Assessment of Technical Evaluators and Medical Doctors

4.6.1 Performance of the TE and MD shall be evaluated based on their work Effectiveness, Efficiency and Timeliness with final adjectival rating of either Outstanding, Satisfactory, or Unsatisfactory.

4.6.2 The TE and MD shall be evaluated every end of each semester. Pesticide Regulations Division (PRD) shall submit the evaluation rating to the Office of the Executive Director (OED). Deadline of submission for the first and second semester must be on the 3rd week of July and December, respectively.

4.6.3 TE and MD who received two (2) consecutive “Unsatisfactory” rating shall be given a written notification/warning. Meanwhile, three (3) consecutive “Unsatisfactory” rating will result the termination of the SLA between FPA and the concerned TE or MD.

This order shall take effect upon signing and shall supersede all other issuances inconsistent herewith.


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