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TO : ALL STAKEHOLDERS
FERTILIZER HANDLERS
FERTILIZER PRODUCT REGISTRANTS
FERTILIZER REGULATIONS DIVISION
THIS OFFICE

SUBJECT : NOTIFICATION AND GUIDANCE ON THE APPLICATION FOR NEW AND RENEWAL OF LICENSE TO OPERATE AS FERTILIZER HANDLER TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE TO THE FERTILIZER REGULATORY POLICIES AND IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES UNDER PD 1144 AND FPA EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF SERVICES.

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority is updating its record on the list of fertilizer handlers with active and inactive status and product registrants without licenses for notification and guidance on the application for new and renewal of license to operate as fertilizer handler.

Pursuant to PD 1144, SECTION 8. *“Prohibitions Governing Sale and Use of Fertilizers and Pesticides. It shall be unlawful for any handler of pesticides, fertilizer, and other agricultural chemicals or for any farmers, planter or end-user of the same as the case may be:*

- a) *To engage in any form of production, importation, distribution, storage, and sale in commercial quantities without securing from the FPA a license therefor;*
- b) *To use any pesticide or pesticide formulation on crops, livestock, and the environment in a manner contrary to good agricultural practices as hereinabove defined;*
- c) *To deal in pesticides and/or fertilizers which have not been previously registered with FPA or which registration has expired or has been suspended or revoked;*
- d) *To adulterate pesticides formulation and fertilizer grade;*
- e) *To impose as a condition for the purchase of fertilizer, the simultaneous purchase of pesticide or other agricultural chemical inputs and vice-versa;*
- f) *To mislabel or make claims which differ in substance from the representation made in connection with a product’s registration or from its actual effectiveness; and*



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g) To violate such other rules and regulations as may be promulgated by FPA."

Further, it is also stated in PD 1144, SECTION 9. "Registration and Licensing. No pesticides, fertilizer, or other agricultural chemical shall be exported, imported, manufactured, formulated, stored, distributed, sold or offered for sale, transported, delivered for transportation or used unless it has been duly registered with the FPA or covered by a numbered provisional permit issued by FPA for use in accordance with the conditions as stipulated in the permit. Separate registrations shall be required for each active ingredient and its possible formulations in the case of pesticides or for each fertilizer grade in the case of fertilizer.

No person shall engage in the business of exporting, importing, manufacturing, formulating, distributing, supplying, repacking, storing, commercially applying, selling, marketing, of any pesticides, fertilizer and other agricultural chemicals except under a license issued by the FPA.

The FPA, in the pursuit of its duties and functions, may suspend, revoke, or modify the registration of any pesticide, fertilizer and other agricultural chemicals after due notice and hearing."

As part of FPA efforts to ensure compliance of stakeholders and efficient delivery of regulatory services, and to encourage sustainable fertilizer business, we therefore issue this notification for the following entities to apply for the license to operate as fertilizer handler:

1. New companies, cooperatives or proprietors with product registration but have not yet applied license to operate as fertilizer handler;
2. Companies, cooperatives or proprietors previously issued with license to operate as fertilizer handler, with product registration and have not renewed the license or with inactive status; and
3. Persons or companies who are engaged in the business of fertilizer handling.

Please be guided that the license to operate as fertilizer handler is annually renewed upon compliance to the necessary requirements.

Kindly visit the FPA website www.fpa.da.gov.ph for the services, downloadable list of requirements and application forms needed.

You may contact us at 02 84411601 or thru email frsdguardians@gmail.com for further clarification.

For utmost cooperation and guidance.


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