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FOR : All Fertilizer Handlers
All Fertilizer Regulations Division (FRD) Staff
All Field Officers
All Concerned

SUBJECT : MICROBIOLOGICAL SCREENING OF SELECTED FERTILIZER PRODUCTS FOR TOTAL COLIFORM WHICH SHOULD NOT EXCEED THE ALLOWABLE LEVEL IN MOST PROBABLE NUMBER (MPN) OF 5×10^2 /g OF PRODUCT, FOR NEW & RENEWAL APPLICATIONS OF FERTILIZER PRODUCT REGISTRATION

In the interest of the service and in view of the role of Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) as the Food Safety Regulatory Agency (FSRA) pursuant to Republic Act (RA) 10611 or Food Safety Act of Philippines in 2013, all organic fertilizer, organic raw materials, biofertilizer, biofortified fertilizer, soil conditioner/amendment, plant growth regulator (PGR), foliar fertilizer and liquid fertilizer are hereby required to be screened for the allowable level of Total Coliform which should not exceed the Most Probable Number (MPN) of 5×10^2 /g of product, applicable for new or renewal of product registration.

This is to ensure that the aforementioned fertilizer products are not contaminated by Coliform bacteria which are present in the environment and feces of all warm-blooded animals and humans. Coliform bacteria are "indicator organisms" because they indicate the potential presence of disease-causing bacteria in the product.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect on August 14, 2017 unless otherwise revoked, supplanted or amended.

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