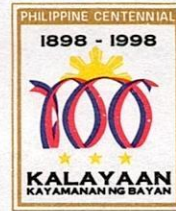




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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 99-01
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Subject: Good Housekeeping – Additional licensing requirement for
Pesticide Dealers and Distributors

It has been noted in the course of inspections conducted by our Regional/Provincial Coordinators that quite a number of dealers do not meet the minimum standards of good housekeeping in the storage and handling of pesticides both in the store and the warehouses. As part of the FPA's mandate under PD 1144 and its rules and regulations, this circular is issued to cover all applicants for license as pesticide dealers and distributors and those renewing their license as such.

I. Requirements

The following are additional requirements to the existing guidelines in securing a license as pesticide dealer/distributor.

- a) All applicants must comply with the minimum standards of Good Housekeeping. Proof of compliance will be in the form of a "Good Housekeeping Compliance Certificate". Those who fail to meet the minimum standards shall be notified of their deficiencies and given a time (deadline) within which improvements will have to be made.
- b) Integral to good housekeeping is the presence of appropriate tools/gadgets to contain spillage of toxic materials and maintain cleanliness and orderliness.

Briefings on the above requirements shall be held in your respective areas.
Enclosed are information pertaining to the above requirements.

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II. Issuance of License

Applicants who have complied with the above requirement (and issued a Good Housekeeping Compliance Certificate) as well as other requisites shall be issued a Dealers License effective for a period of three (3) years and/or a Distributor's License effective for one (1) year.

III. Penalties

Administrative sanctions shall be imposed against persons or entities that violate or refuse to abide by the provisions of the circular. Sanctions shall include, but will not be limited to the suspension, cancellation or revocation of license or non-renewal of license and to impose such other sanctions that FPA is empowered under its charter.

IV. Effectivity

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect on January 1, 2000.

All circulars and issuance which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Memorandum Circular are hereby amended or modified accordingly.


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