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TO : ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : Suspension of the Conduct of Accredited Professional Pesticide Adviser (APPA) Training

The FPA field personnel are encountering difficulty in the implementation of the APPA concept on the restriction of availability, distribution and sale of pesticides under Category I and II of the FPA Toxicity and Hazard Classification Schedule. Many dealer-stores, without an accredited adviser (APPA), continue to sell Category I and II pesticides on an under the counter deal. Moreover, there is a strong clamor from pesticide dealers for FPA to come up with an inexpensive and less time consuming approach to regulate the selling and disposition of Category I and II pesticides. Furthermore, based on its review and findings, the Commission on Audit (COA-FPA) recommends that since FPA is a regulatory agency, it should directly conduct and manage the APPA training. As of latest listing, FPA has trained and accredited more than two thousand APPAs from the different parts of the country.

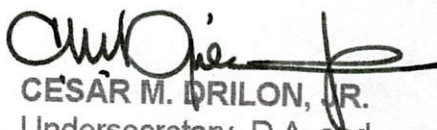
In view of the foregoing, the APPA training is hereby suspended effective immediately.

The herein suspension of APPA training shall be guided by the following provisions:

1. The suspension of APPA training shall remain enforced until such time that FPA shall satisfy any of the following conditions: a) for FPA to conduct the APPA training on its own; b) for FPA to come up with an alternative to the APPA training; and c) for FPA to formulate a mechanism whereby it shall administer the examinations for accreditation as a requirement for the issuance of a license. FPA should meet or implement any of the foregoing conditions by January 2002.
2. The hiring of an APPA as a requirement in the approval of a dealership license for stores selling Category I and II pesticides shall still be enforced. The APPA concept shall then be merged or incorporated or amended through the implementation of a new scheme in the restriction of availability, distribution and sale of Category I and II pesticides by January 2002. However, dealer-stores who have no APPA but opt to sell Category I and II pesticides may be granted a license on condition that they shall take the appropriate training FPA shall conduct as an alternative to the suspended APPA training concept.

3. Processing of applications for the renewal of APPA accreditation, issuance of APPA accreditation ID cards and pertinent documentation shall be continued.
4. On exceptional cases, such as absence of an APPA in a particular area for the reason that no APPA training was held in such a locality, a special training for the subject area may be conducted.
5. The herein suspension shall never, in any manner, be construed as a reason for FPA field personnel to relax the implementation of the APPA system of restriction on the sale and distribution of Category I and II pesticides in line with the FPA advocacy on the safe and judicious use of these chemicals.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.



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