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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR No. 03
Series of 2002

TO : **ALL CONCERNED**

SUBJECT : **CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION OF
AMMONIUM NITRATE IN SOLID FORM AS
FERTILIZER AND BANNING OF ITS IMPORTATION**

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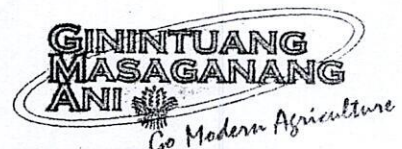
**I. LEGAL BASIS AND PURPOSE**

Pursuant to the provisions on Registration and Licensing under Section 9 of Presidential Decree No. 1144 and pertinent rules on renewal, suspension, revocation or cancellation of registration of fertilizer and pesticide products or license issued to handlers of the subject commodities under Section 6, Chapter I, Par. 4 and Chapter II Par. 4 of the same decree, and for the significant and primary considerations involving national security, the herein guidelines is hereby issued concerning the cancellation of registration of *ammonium nitrate* in solid form, as fertilizer and the banning of all its importation for agricultural use.

Agricultural grade *ammonium nitrate* in solid form, a type of fertilizer for mango flower induction, is also a raw material in the production of bombs and other explosives. Explosion occurs when solid form of *ammonium nitrate* is mixed with certain materials, and is ignited in a confined space. The instantaneous combustion create a sudden expansion of the gases generated creating a very high pressure within the container causing it to explode. Reports from the Philippine National Police confirmed that the subject chemical was among the ingredients in explosives used in recent bombing incidents. Strict enforcement action concerning this substance warrants the issuance of this Circular.

**II. COVERAGE**

This Circular covers all FPA-registered *ammonium nitrate* in solid form and licensed importer and distributor of subject chemical.



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III. GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Registration of *Ammonium Nitrate* in Solid Form

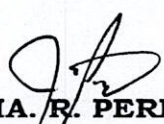
- a) Current registration with this office of agricultural grade *ammonium nitrate* in solid form is hereby canceled.
- b) No new registration or renewal of registration of *ammonium nitrate* in solid form for agricultural use shall be accepted.
- c) License issued by this Agency to entities for the importation, storage, distribution and selling of *ammonium nitrate* in solid form for agricultural use are hereby recalled and canceled.

2. Ban on Importation and Phase-out Period for *Ammonium Nitrate*

- a) Importation of *ammonium nitrate* in solid form for agricultural use is hereby banned.
- b) FPA-licensed importers of *ammonium nitrate* in solid form are enjoined to allow FPA personnel to conduct physical inventory of their remaining stock covering their latest importation or other batch of shipment, if any.
- c) Stocks of *ammonium nitrate* in solid form which are already disposed can still be used only by FPA-licensed mango flower induction contractors. Such a usage should be within the six (6) month period reckoned from the date of effectivity of this Circular.

This Circular shall take effect upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

For strict compliance.


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Executive Director

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