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**TO** : ALL REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS

**FROM** : Dr. DARIO C. SABULARSE  
Officer-In-Charge

**SUBJECT** : Clarification on Attendance to Accredited Safety Dispenser of Fertilizer and Pesticide (ASD) Training of Accredited Professional Pesticide Adviser (APPA) Cardholders

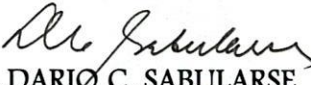
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The ASD training, covering dealers of fertilizer and pesticides and practitioners of networking or direct selling scheme started in July 2002. To date, we have already conducted 89 ASD trainings involving 3,353 participants nationwide. The ASD program is a consolidation of Agro-Dealers/Retailers and APPA Trainings and it upgrades the former and replaces the latter. Such a program generated favorable response from concerned stakeholders.

Presently, it has come to our attention that APPA cardholders are being asked to attend ASD Training as a requirement for the renewal of their accreditation. We would like to point out that Memorandum Circular No. 02 s. 2002 (Art. 3, Par. 6) specifically states that "APPA cardholders who are renewing accreditation shall be issued ASD accreditation without the need for attending the ASD training". Furthermore, APPA Training was more in-depth in terms of its wide range of subject matters that involved longer training period. Also, the APPA examinations was more rigorous than that required of ASD.

In view thereof, you are hereby directed to refrain from requiring APPA cardholders to attend the ASD Training for the renewal of their accreditation. They may, however, attend ASD Training on a voluntary basis.

For your information and compliance.

  
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Officer-In-Charge