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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 01

TO : All Pesticide Product Importers/ Registrants/ Distributors/Area Distributors/ Dealers/ Officers and Members of the Philippine Okra Producers and Exporters Association (POPEA)/ FPA Regional/ Provincial Project Development Officers/Concerned Municipal Agricultural Officers in Coordination with Local Government Units (LGUs) and All Concerned Government Agencies

SUBJECT : FPA-approved Pesticides and Label Recommendations for Use in Okra Production

For the guidance of all concerned and in order for our okra export to gain acceptance in the world market specifically Japan, the following guidelines are hereby issued:

1. In accordance with Section 9, Presidential Decree (PD) 1144, Article V of the FPA Rules and Regulations No. 1 Series of 1977, particularly Section 1-f thereof and Section 2.8.4B.1-4, the pesticide active ingredients and formulated products listed in the Annex A-A-1 to A-25, "List of Registered Pesticides for Okra" are approved for use in okra production.
2. The FPA approved "Directions for Use" are, likewise, included in the list. This constitutes the official usage of each product. Strict compliance by all concerned is hereby enjoined to observe the official recommendations on the proper and safe use of the products to ensure compliance with the Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs); safety of the applicators and prevention of environmental contamination.
3. All concerned are hereby enjoined to strictly observe the officially established/approved usage of each of the listed products in terms of pest/s to be controlled, rates/ dosages, frequencies of applications and most importantly, the Pre-harvest Intervals (PHIs).



4. For products under "**Emergency Use Permit Status**" for use in okra, final revised labels shall be enforced on or before June 30, 2009. In the interim period, the aforementioned pertinent items under "**Directions for Use**" are hereby officially established through this Memorandum Circular. All other aspects of the product labels as earlier approved by the FPA for the said products remain in effect.
5. Registrants of products approved for use in okra are hereby enjoined to strictly enforce their respective stewardship programs to ensure proper usage of their products in okra production in accordance with Section 7.3 of the "**FPA Manual on Pesticide Regulatory Policies and Implementing Guidelines**".
6. Growers/farmers are hereby enjoined to strictly observe the official and proper use of pesticides during their okra production to avoid exceedance of the MRLs, in accordance with Section 6-III-2, 4,6 and Section 8-b of PD 1144.
7. Officers and members of the POPEA are, likewise, enjoined to assist in the monitoring of okra farms to ensure proper use of pesticides.

For strict compliance.



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