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TO : ALL PESTICIDE PRODUCT IMPORTERS/REGISTRANTS/DISTRIBUTORS/AREADISTRIBUTORS/
DEALERS, PESTICIDE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS/PHILIPPINE BANANA GROWERS AND
EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION/FPA REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT
OFFICERS/ALL CONCERNED LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

FROM : THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT : AMENDMENTS ON THE DOSAGE AND SPRAY-INTERVAL OF CHLOROTHALONIL
720 SC FOR THE USE IN BANANA PRODUCTION FOR THE CONTROL OF BLACK
SIGATOKA

Black Sigatoka remains to be a serious threat to the growth and sustainable development of the banana industry especially the Cavendish variety for export. Moreover, the continued development of fungicide resistance despite the applications of systemic fungicides threatens the Philippine Banana Industry.

This is further aggravated by the observed climate change. The experienced erratic weather conditions significantly affected infestation levels. Hence, a series of experiments/trials were conducted to evaluate the efficacy of chlorothalonil to control the growing Black Sigatoka epidemic.

For the guidance of all concerned, the following amendments to the current directions for use in the current labels of all registered chlorothalonil 720 SC for banana production are hereby approved by this Authority:

Dosage	Max Cycles/year	Spray Interval (days)	Spray Volume/ha	PHI (day)	MRL (ppm)
0.72kg ai/ha or 1.0L pdt./ha	35	4-14	30L	0	0.01
1.44kg/ai/ha or 2.0L pdt./ha	18				

Max. dosage/year for both rates: 25.5 kg ai/ha

All registrants of chlorothalonil 720 SC are hereby advised of a 6 month phase-out period or until 28 February 2011 for all the current labels to conform with the newly approved amendments. All other aspects of the current label remain in effect. The newly approved label shall be enforced on or before 01 March 2011.

In view hereof, all registrants of chlorothalonil 720 SC and growers/farmers are hereby enjoined to strictly observe the official and proper use of this product in compliance with the FPA product stewardship policies. In addition, the provisions of **Memorandum Circular No. 2 Series of 2009, "Good Agricultural Practices for Aerial Spraying in Banana Plantations,"** should be strictly observed in the use of the product in the banana plantations.

For strict compliance.


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