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DIRECTORATE OF PLANT PROTECTION, QUARANTINE & STORAGE

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Date: 20th October 2011.

To

1. Approved Pest Control Operators (for use of Aluminium phosphide)
2. Pest Control Associations
(As per List)

Subject: Implementation of NSPM-22 (Guidelines for assessment, audit and accreditation of fumigation agencies for undertaking Aluminium phosphide fumigation.)-reg.

Sir,

You are aware that Aluminium phosphide is a restricted fumigant under Insecticides Act 1968 and is permitted for use only under the supervision an expert approved by Plant Protection Adviser (PPA). Moreover, the Phosphine fumigation is also used to meet the phytosanitary requirements in global trade for agricultural commodities.

Considering the importance of effective use of Aluminum phosphide, Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage (PPQ&S), Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has implemented NSPM-22 (Guidelines for assessment, audit and accreditation of fumigation agencies for undertaking Aluminium phosphide fumigation.) w.e.f. September 2011. As such, all the pest control operators approved by PPA as on 31st August 2011 for use of ALP shall have to apply for accreditation as per NSPM-22 latest by 31-03-2012 failing which the approval of the agency and the expert granted shall stand cancelled. The NSPM-22 containing details of application process and other requirements are available on website www.plantquarantineindia.org.

Therefore, all the approved pest control operators for use of Aluminum phosphide are advised to apply for accreditation to PPA as per NSPM-22 latest by 31st March 2012. Pending their application for accreditation, such approved PCOs may continue to undertake fumigation with Aluminum phosphide during this period.

Yours faithfully,

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