

(ASALs). The organization is currently working in seven counties in the country where Bomet falls. It envisions a vibrant profitable and sustainable farming community in

tions. Farmers have also benefited from feeds, technology and vaccines from the project, some have been taken for bench marking tours to learn

strative plots and redistribute them to members.

"We have identified lead members from each group to make this process easy. Their main roles are

the productivity rate of the is at the same level with exotic chicken,

and they lay up to 250 eggs per year in around three years. Cocks mature faster in five months when they are ready for sale," added Kipkorir.

and are of economic value to farmers.

Korgoren is encouraging farmers from Bomet to embrace the KALRO technology to boost their production and minimize the cost of the same.



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES & COOPERATIVES

NATIONAL STAKEHOLDER VALIDATION OF THE DRAFT PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS BILL AND THE DRAFT PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS REGULATIONS, 2022

The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives is in the process of reviewing Pest Control Products Act and Regulations, 2022 as provided under section 15 of the Pest Control Products Act, Cap 346 Laws of Kenya. In compliance with the provisions of the Pest Control Products Act and the Statutory Instruments Act (No. 23 of 2013), the Ministry announces to the public the availability of the draft Pest Control Products Regulations 2022 and the Regulatory Impact Statement.

The law is implemented by Pest Control Products Board (PCPB), established under the Act. The mandate of PCPB includes evaluation and risk assessment of pest control products for purposes of registration for use in Kenya; quality assurance of pest control products, inspection of suitability of pest control products premises; training and awareness creation on responsible use of pest control products; imports and exports control of pest control products; and supervision of disposal of undesired pest control products.

The pest control products industry has globally evolved over time and the current Act does not address the emerging issues such as stringent requirements to access international horticultural markets, strict adherence to food safety standards and does not provide punitive penalties of offenders. In order for PCPB to effectively undertake its mandate there is need to align the Act with the Constitution, the State Corporation Act, (Cap 447) for purposes of composition of members of the Board and recruitment of staff and other relevant laws. The reviewed law will facilitate domestication of conventions and treaties that Kenya has ratified and in particular, the EAC instruments on pest control products and Multilateral Environmental Agreements related to pest control products. The new law is to strengthen legal framework on manufacture, and promote local innovations and research in pest control products.

The Pest control Products Bill 2022, and Regulations have been subjected to public participation as required by the Constitution of Kenya. The Sector Agriculture Working Group of the Policy, Legislation and Standards (SWAG-

PLS) under the Joint Agricultural Sector Consultation and Cooperation Mechanism (JASCCOM) with the input from the stakeholders considered and adopted.

The general objective of the proposed Regulations is to streamline the practices and management in the pest control products industry through effectively addressing the industry's emerging issues, pest control products safety concerns and market requirements. The regulations intend to reduce exposure and the possible acute and chronic health effects and environmental hazards resulting from pesticides. Additionally, the Regulations specifically seek to address the registration of premises and businesses handling pest control products, importation, exportation and re-exportation of pest control products, labeling, advertising and packaging of pest control products, use and disposal of pest control products, and prescribe specific license fees and charges applicable to pest control products in Kenya. The Pest Control Products Regulations, 2022 comprises of six pieces of Regulations as set out in Regulatory Impact Statement and listed below as follows:

- i. The Pest Control Products (Registration) Regulations, 2022,
- ii. The Pest Control Products (Licensing of Premises and Packaging) Regulations, 2022,
- iii. The Pest Control Products (Labelling, Advertising and Packaging) Regulations, 2022,
- iv. The Pest Control Products (Importation and Exportation) Regulations, 2022,
- v. The Pest Control Products (Disposal) Regulations, 2022, and
- vi. The Pest Control Products (Licence Fees and Other Charges) Regulations, 2022.

The Constitution of Kenya 2010 and the Statutory Instruments Act 2013 provide for the participation of the public in the decision making-process through submission of comments to the Ministry. It is in this spirit that we request the public to participate by submitting their comments to the Min-

istry through the provided address.

The Ministry, in consultation with the Pest Control Product Board, plans to subject the Bill and Regulations indicated below to a National validation exercise scheduled for **Wednesday, 30th April 2022 from 9.00 am to 4.30 pm**. Physical attendance is by invitation only due to covid-19 Ministry of Health restrictions.

The public is invited to submit written comments and memoranda on the Bill and regulations for consideration by the drafting committee during the validation exercise. All interested persons should submit written comments on the draft Bill and Regulations using prescribed public comments form, to reach the undersigned not later than seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice.

Soft copies of the draft Bill, draft Regulations and comments feedback forms are available and can be accessed through the Ministry website: www.kilimo.go.ke or <https://www.pcpb.go.ke>. Duly filled comments feedback forms or written memoranda may be submitted back via the following emails: directorpolicy2021@gmail.com , pcpb0116@gmail.com or info@pcpb.go.ke. The same may also be delivered by post to;

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