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TO ALL LOCAL AGENTS, REGISTRANTS, GROWERS/FARMERS, SPRAY SERVICE PROVIDERS

RE: NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PHASE-OUT USES OF CHLORPYRIFOS AND BAN USES OF FENTHION ULV FORMULATIONS AT OR ABOVE 640G/L AND WITHDRAWAL OF ALL USES OF CARBOSULFAN

Reference is made to the decisions by the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention at its twelfth meeting that was held from 28th April to 9th May 2025 to list Fenthion ULV formulations at or above 640 g/L and Carbosulfan to Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention and make them subject to the Prior Informed Consent Procedure. Similarly, in the same meetings, the Conference of Parties to the Stockholm Convention adopted the decision to list chlorpyrifos in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants with specific exemptions for eventual elimination. The amendments to Annex III of the Rotterdam convention entered into force for all Parties on 22nd October 2025 and the decision-guidance document was communicated to designated national authorities on the same date.

PCPB as the Designated National Authority on all matters pesticides is charged with the responsibility of implementing decisions from Multilateral Environmental Agreements. The Pest Control Products (Registration) Regulations, 2024 LN. No 130 section 33 and subsection 1 empowers the Board to revoke a certificate of registration where new scientific information has become available to the Board which indicates the pest control product is unsafe or dangerous to use according to label instructions.

The Board, guided by the above legal instruments made a decision to phase-out the remaining uses of chlorpyrifos as a termiticide for wood treatment; ban the manufacture, importation and use of fenthion ULV formulations at or above 640 g/L and withdrawal of all uses of carbosulfan.

The phase-out of chlorpyrifos based products and withdrawal of carbosulfan uses shall be implemented as follows;

1. Immediate stoppage of any on-going registrations.
2. Immediate stoppage of importation.
3. Restricted use of existing products in the market until 30th December 2026.
4. Declaration of any existing stock by registrants of all chlorpyrifos and carbosulfan based products each quarter until 30th December 2026.



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