



Department of Agriculture
Office of the Registrar of Pesticides

Control of Pesticides Act, No. 33 of 1980

**Conductance of Disinfection and Hygienic
Services to the Public**

NOTICE

All pest control service providers in Sri Lanka must obtain a license from the Registrar of Pesticides under the Control of Pesticides Act No. 33 of 1980 (vide *Gazette Extraordinary* regulation No. 1655/7 dated 25.05.2010) in order to deliver services to the public. The pest control categories include general pest control, structural pre- and post construction termite control, storage pest control using fumigants and disinfection and sanitizing services. In the case of public health and hygiene, any microorganism, a virus, a fungus or any other type of plant or animal organism should be treated as a “pest” and any mixed or unmixed product intended to be applied or used to control such pests shall be treated as a pesticide as prescribed by Section 27 of the Control of Pesticides Act No. 33 of 1980. Accordingly, any services offering disinfection and sanitizing services using disinfectants concerned with respect to public health and hygiene must be registered and obtain a license. It is being reported that unlicensed services of offering disinfection and sanitizing services are in existence, violating above regulations.

It is a punishable offense under the Control of Pesticides Act No. 33 of 1980 to conduct pest control services and offering disinfection and sanitizing services and advertising such services without registration and obtaining a license. It is hereby notified that all pest control services and offering disinfection and sanitizing services must be registered and obtain a license in that effect.

Applicants are evaluated in tandem with field inspections with respect to institutional/individual expertise, infrastructure, handling, application methodologies and other requirements including the following:

1. Having obtained a valid Business Registration;
2. Having duly approved by the local government authority for conducting businesses;
3. Having obtained certificates of SLS 1672:2020 COVID-19 Safety Management System and ISO 20000 Food Safety Management System or submission of proof for processing of such certificates;

4. Having confirmed using disinfectants legally registered for such disinfection and sanitizing purposes.

All relevant information, guidelines, and applications for registering and obtaining a license can be downloaded from the Department of Agriculture website at www.doa.gov.lk.

I hereby inform you to comply with the legal requirements by submitting an application together with documents and stipulated fees within 3 months of this notice. Formal inquiries will be instituted against all illegal practitioners and advertisers under the provisions of the Control of Pesticides Act No. 33 of 1980, relating to all pest control services and offering disinfection and sanitizing services in the country after the aforesaid period and legal actions will be taken against such persons or entities.

Registrar of Pesticides.

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