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Circular No: RP/2017-02

All Members of Pesticide Industry,

Dear Sir/Madam,

Company Authorization on Quality, Health and Environmental Safety

I have made to aware some discrepant views in recent times among the pesticide industry membership on the applicability of International Organization for Standardization (ISO) quality standards on individual members. As you are aware, the authority designated under the Control of Pesticides Act No. 33 of 1980 as amended by the Acts of No. 06 of 1994 and No. 31 of 2011 requires any individual/corporate institutions (hereafter referred to as "companies") to engage in pesticide importation, manufacture, formulation, packing/repacking, labeling, distribution, offer for sale and sale in Sri Lanka to be registered by the Registrar of Pesticides. The authority has been published under the Sections 5(a) and 5(b) of the Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Extraordinary No. 1870/63 dated 10th July 2014.

As pursuant to the field evaluation of individual companies for the aspects of safeguarding human health & the environment, all companies must submit environmental and health safety clearance obtained from the central government authority or the local government authority, including ISO 9001 (quality), 14001 (environment) and 18001 (worker health & safety) certifications. Therefore, the following procedure is adopted for the requirement of ISO certification during the evaluation of companies.

1. All pesticide companies engage in importation (ready-to-sale packed products or bulk finished products & technical materials), manufacture, formulation, packing, re-packing, labeling, bulk storage, distribution & offer

for sale must obtain ISO 9001 (quality), 14001 (environment) and 18001 (worker health & safety) certifications.

2. All pesticide companies engage in importation (ready-to-sale packed products), bulk storage, distribution & offer for sale must obtain ISO 9001 (quality) & 14001 (environment) certifications.

3. All companies engage in importation (ready-to-sale packed products or bulk finished products), distribution & offer for sale must obtain ISO 9001 (quality) certification provided that alienated services such as packing, re-packing, labeling & bulk storage are certified for ISO 9001 (quality), 14001 (environment) and 18001 (worker health & safety) certifications, separately.


4. Indenting companies are exempted from the requirement of ISO certification.

Please be informed that relevant ISO certifications must incorporate the entire spectrum of company activities/services under the Scope of Certification. All alienated services of subsidiaries (e.g. contracted individuals) must submit necessary proofs that relevant alienated services are also covered under the Scope of Certification. It is the responsibility of the companies to ensure that the entire spectrum of life-cycle activities are incorporated and assessed for ISO certification and continue to meet the requirements for conductance of pesticide business in Sri Lanka, as outlined in the Control of Pesticides Act No. 33 of 1980.

All copies of certificates must be authenticated by an Attorney-at-Law.

I look forward your fullest corporation in this regard. Please contact me should you have any questions regarding these ISO requirements.

Thanking you:


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Actg. Registrar of Pesticides

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1. Director General of Agriculture -FYI please
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 3. Manager, SGS Lanka (Pvt.) Limited -FYI please
 4. Manager, Bureau Veritas Lanka (Pvt.) Limited -FYI please