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Illegal Conductance of Pest Control Services in the Country as against the Control of Pesticides Act No. 33 of 1980

I have been informed that the institutions/consultancies listed out as follows (and some other unidentified individuals) are being engaged in pest control activities as a service to public & private institutions without obtaining proper authority for that purpose.

1. Mr. N. Rubakanth, Allout Pest Control Service, 140/12, 4th Cross Street, Jaffna.
2. Mr. U. Priyankara Kumara, Green Planet Environmental Management, 112/5, Abaraluwa North, Weliveriya.
3. Mr. Sumith Karunarathne, Uni Pest Control International (Pvt.) Ltd., 906/5, Main Street, Digana, Rajawella.

As pursuant to the provisions stated under the Control of Pesticides (Pest Control Service) Regulations No. 01 of 2010, all pest control service providers must register with the Registrar of Pesticides and obtain a licence for that purpose.

During the licensing of institution, the proven records of training, prior experience & necessary competence are evaluated for assurance of service quality and consumer safety. In addition, health surveillance of the worker and the technicians is a mandatory requirement for all licensed institutions. All illegal persons/ institutions are devoid of these vital management aspects, and in most situations the consumer is mislead on the efficacy and safety aspects of pesticides. Therefore, there is a serious danger to the general public in the country due to the activities of unscrupulous pest control practitioners. In particular, some of the commonest pesticides used by pest control service institutions are highly
restricted for particular situations, thereby guaranteeing the public health and the environment is protected. In addition, illegal practitioners may be using unauthorized pesticides & adulterated pesticides for pest control treatments by putting the whole system at risk!

Every responsible citizen is expected to follow the laws and regulations in the country. Therefore, it is strongly advisable to refrain from employing or servicing such unlicensed institutions for pest control operations within your establishment. A list of approved pest control providers can be obtained from www.doa.gov.lk or simply ask for the valid licence issued by the Registrar of Pesticides. Any information and/or contravention against the above requirements shall be communicated with this Office through (Tel./Fax.) 081 2388135 or (Tel.) 081 2388076.

Please feel free to circulate this letter to concerned parties or individuals of interest. If you have any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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c.c. All registered Pest Control Services
- Please ACT NOW to protect the consumer & the public!