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TO: ALL LOCAL AGENTS/REGISTRANTS

RE: REGISTRATION REVIEW OF THE PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS CONTAINING THE ACTIVE INGREDIENT; DIURON

Reference is made to pest control products containing the active ingredient; **Diuron**.

The Board of Management in its 146th Meeting held on 24th January 2020 discussed the pest control products containing the active ingredient, Diuron and observed that in its conclusion review, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) noted that Diuron has specific target organ toxicity (may cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure and suspected carcinogen due to increased incidence of bladder, kidney, uterine and mammary tumours/cancers in mice. Based on this, the European Union (EU) has classified Diuron as substances suspected of having carcinogenic potential for humans (carcinogen category , in the USA it is classified as likely human carcinogen by the Environment Protection Agency (EPA).

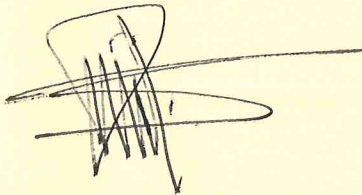
Based on the human health concerns raised, the Board would like to make a scientifically based decision that may possibly result in either restricting or cancelling the registration of all Diuron-based pest control products for use in Kenya.

Kindly note that Regulation 7(2) PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS (REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS, 1984 [L.N. 46/1984, L.N. 109/1984, L.N. 123/2006.] provides for an opportunity of the applicant to be heard before the decision for withdrawal from the market is made.

The Local Agents/Registrants with products containing the active ingredient Diuron are therefore requested to provide detailed human and environmental risk assessment and any new information of their pest control product(s) within **ninety (90) days** from the date of this notification.

Please take note that failure to conclusively respond within **ninety (90) days** will be construed to mean that you concur with any decision that may be taken by the Board.

Applicants intending to submit new applications for Diuron containing pest control products are advised to take note of the concerns raised.



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