

Law No. 24 of 2010 Promulgating the Law (Regulation) of Pesticides in the States of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf

We, Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar

Having perused the Constitution;

Law No. 3 of 2006 on Pesticides;

The Resolution by the GCC Supreme Council issued in its twenty-fifth session, held in the Kingdom of Bahrain on 20-21 December 2004 adopting the GCC Law (Regulation) of Pesticides;

Emiri Order No. 1 of 2008 restructuring the Council of Ministers;

The proposal of the Minister of Environment;

The draft law submitted by the Council of Ministers; and

After consulting the opinion of the *Shura* Council;

Hereby promulgate the following Law:

• Article 1 Introduction

The provisions of the Law (Regulation) of Pesticides enclosed herewith shall be implemented in the States of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (CCASG) or the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

• Article 2 Introduction

In implementing the provisions of this Law and the Law (Regulation) enclosed herewith, “the Ministry” means the Ministry of Environment, “the Minister” means the Minister of Environment and “the Competent Authority” means the administrative unit competent at pesticides in the Ministry.

• Article 3 Introduction

The staff members of the Ministry, by a decision by the Public Prosecutor in agreement with the Minister, shall have the capacity of judicial officers in relation to seizing and investigating offences committed in violation of the provisions of the Law (Regulation) enclosed herewith and the enforcement decisions thereof.

• Article 4 Introduction

Without prejudice to any greater penalty provided by another law, imprisonment of not more than one year or a fine of not less than ten thousand (10.000) Riyals and not more than fifty thousand (50.000) Riyals, or both, shall be imposed on any person who violates the provisions of Articles 4 to 10 of the Law (Regulation) enclosed herewith.

1. Any damaged pesticides shall be confiscated at the expense of the accused and he shall be banned from importing the same.
2. The penalty shall be doubled in case of recurrence and the accused shall be deemed recidivist if he commits a similar offence within five years from the end of his sentence.

3. All crimes stipulated in this Law shall be deemed similar with respect to the cases of recurrence.

- **Article 5 Introduction**

The due fees shall be determined by a decision of the Minister in accordance with the provisions of the Law (Regulation) enclosed herewith and its executive bylaw.

- **Article 6 Introduction**

The Minister shall issue the executive bylaw of the Law (Regulation) enclosed herewith and the decisions necessary for its implementation, and until such decisions are issued all work conducted under the decisions currently in force shall be continued without contradicting its provisions

- **Article 7 Introduction**

Law No. 3 of 2006, referred to above, and any provision that violates the provisions of this Law and the Law (Regulation) enclosed herewith shall be rescinded.

- **Article 8 Introduction**

All competent authorities, each within their jurisdiction, shall enforce this Law which shall be published in the *Official Gazette*.

Law (Regulation) of Pesticides in the States of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf

- **Article 1**

This Law (Regulation) shall aim at regulating the production, importation and circulation of pesticides in the states of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

- **Article 2**

The following Words and terms shall have the meanings assigned thereto, unless the context requires otherwise:

“The Council” means the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (CCASG) or the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

“The States of the Council” means the States of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf.

“The Supreme Council” means the Supreme Council of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (CCASG) or the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).