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ALL LOCAL AGENTS

RE: RESOLUTION ON POLYETHOXYLATED TALLOWAMINE (CO-FORMULANT)

The Board of Management discussed the Emerging issues from the 182nd Technical and Registration Committee report and took note of the use of Polyethoxylated (POE) tallow amines in some pesticide formulations.

POE tallow amines refer to a range of non-ionic surfactants used to enhance the performance of pesticide products such as glyphosate based products. They are hydrophilic surfactants with a weak ammonia smell. Tallow-based alkyl amines are widely used in the synthesis of organic chemicals and cationic and amphoteric surfactants. POE-tallow amine has also been determined to be more toxic than glyphosate and increased the toxicity of Glyphosate based products.

Therefore, the Board would like to notify all registrants with glyphosate-based pest control products containing the surfactant POE-tallow that;

- i. They are required to reformulate the products to be free of the surfactant POE-tallow amine in order to safeguard human health and the environment by 31st June 2024;
- ii. The Board shall phase-out of POE-amine containing products by 31st December 2024;
- iii. The Board shall immediately stop the registration of POE-amine containing products from the date of this notification without any further notice.

You are required to comply in order to facilitate efficient risk management of pest control products.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE/SECRETARY

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