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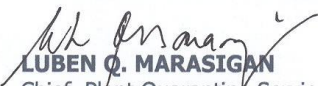


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MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL PLANT QUARANTINE STATIONS (Regions 1-13, NCR)
BPI-ACCREDITED TREATMENT PROVIDERS
AFAS REGISTERED TREATMENT PROVIDERS

FROM : 
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DATE : 04 November 2010

SUBJECT : Memorandum Order No. 79 Series of 2010 "Supplementary Guidelines on the Accreditation/Registration Procedure of BPI Quarantine Treatment Providers (QTPs)"

Please be informed of the attached Memorandum Order No. 79 series of 2010 on the supplementary guidelines on the accreditation/registration procedure of BPI quarantine treatment providers under BPI Quarantine Administrative Order No. 1 series of 2010 "Revised Regulation of Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (ISPM 15)," and BPI Q. AO No. 1 series of 2008 "Guidelines for the Implementation of AFAS in the Philippines."

This Memo Order shall clarify gray areas in both regulations specifically the zoning of the treatment providers which is also in concurrence with the regulation of the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA).

For strict compliance.

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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 79
Series of 2010

**SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDELINES ON THE ACCREDITATION/
REGISTRATION PROCEDURE OF BPI QUARANTINE
TREATMENT PROVIDERS (QTPs)**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 17 of Presidential Decree 1433 otherwise known as the Plant Quarantine Law of 1978, the following guidelines are issued as supplement to the accreditation/registration procedure of BPI Quarantine Treatment Providers (QTPs) under BPI Quarantine Administrative Order No. 1 series of 2010 "*Revised Regulation for Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (ISPM 15)*" and BPI Quarantine Administrative Order No. 1 series of 2008 "*Guidelines for the Implementation of the Australian Fumigation Accreditation Scheme (AFAS) in the Philippines.*"

Under Section 3.1 of BPI Q AO No. 1 series of 2010 (ISPM 15)

1. After a fumigation company has completed the requirements for accreditation, the BPI shall issue a Certificate of Accreditation with the assigned code. The code corresponds to the coverage area a fumigator can conduct his services.
2. The coverage area is being implemented to ensure that the treatment provider has the capacity (equipment and manpower) to conduct quarantine fumigation efficiently and effectively. The coverage area of the Certificate of Accreditation shall be limited to the territorial region of the Treatment Provider, except for National Capital Region (NCR) and Regions 3 and 4 which shall be treated as one (1) region for the purpose of accreditation.
3. The same accreditation procedure shall apply for quarantine treatments aside from Methyl Bromide Fumigation and Heat Treatment (eg. Phosphine Fumigation). The coverage area of the said treatment providers shall be the same as those granted to Methyl Bromide Fumigation and Heat Treatment providers.

Under Section 3.3 of BPI Q AO No.1 series of 2008 (AFAS)

1. Application for AFAS treatment providers is open only to fumigators which are already accredited with BPI, operational for a minimum of six (6) months and with good fumigation standing.

2. The same coverage area applies to AFAS Treatment Providers as those given to Methyl Bromide Fumigation and Heat Treatment Providers.
3. Registration is valid for a period of two (2) years unless sooner revoked for cause. The treatment provider shall apply for revalidation at least one (1) month prior to the expiry of registration.

If an accredited/AFAS registered QTP currently has an EXISTING EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT with CLIENTS to conduct quarantine treatments outside its coverage area, the following corrective actions should be done:

1. Treatment provider should apply for accreditation/registration as a separate branch, to the PQS Station in the region.
2. Submit to PQS the required documentary requirements, including a business permit and Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) license in the area.
3. The treatment provider can then request from the PQS Central Office a **SPECIAL PERMIT** to continue fumigation activities for a maximum of sixty (60) days providing them ample time to complete the accreditation/registration requirements. Granting of this special permit is subject to evaluation based on the contracts/justification presented.
4. All quarantine treatments should be supervised by a Plant Quarantine Officer.

For Regions without Accredited/AFAS Registered Treatment Providers

1. In the absence of an accredited/AFAS registered treatment provider in a region, any accredited/AFAS registered QTP can request from the BPI Central Office a special permit to conduct fumigation in the area.
2. The special permit will be a one-time permit only and the succeeding fumigations will now require an accreditation/registration as a separate branch in the area.
3. All quarantine treatments should be supervised by a Plant Quarantine Officer.

This Memorandum Order takes effect immediately.


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