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To: All Members of CropLife, Sri Lanka/
Members of the Pesticide Industry:


Dear Sir/Madam,

New Ruling on Appropriate Container Sizes for Weedicides/Herbicides

With the development of novel & low-dose pesticides in agriculture, hitherto practiced container sizes which had been proposed during late 90's can be significantly outdated preventing efficient & safe use of pesticides. With the development of regional trading of finished products, some industry members have raised their concerns on prototype pack sizes available at present. As deliberated at the 101st Pesticide Technical & Advisory Committee held on 12.06.2020, introduction of 'per-unit area' market packs of weedicides/herbicides was formally approved. Accordingly, following directives are hereby communicated for immediate adoption.

1. This directive is applicable for weedicides/herbicides;
2. All specialty weedicides/herbicides (*i.e. where there is only one marketed product in any specific formulation*) shall place products in the market as appropriate for 'per-unit area' requirements (e.g. ¼ ac, ½ ac, 1 ac, 1 ha, 2 ha, etc), based on the recommendation of 'per hectare dosage';
3. All commodity weedicides/herbicides (*i.e. where there are more than one marketed products in any specific formulation*) shall also place products in the market as appropriate for 'per-unit area' requirements (e.g. ¼ ac, ½ ac, 1 ac, 1 ha, 2 ha, etc), based on the recommendation of 'per hectare dosage' provided that all sizes of containers within any specific formulation (product) are harmonized among companies;
4. In the line of adoption of 'per-unit area' packs (as of above), all label recommendations shall indicate appropriate 'per hectare dosage' instructions per acre in addition to the standard unit (*i.e. per ha*).
5. All weedicides/herbicides approved for sachet (*i.e. per 16 l knapsack sprayer*) shall also place products in the market in composite containers/packs as appropriate for 'per-unit area' requirements as of above provided that all composite containers/packs are fulfilling mixture recommendations of 320-400 l/ha (preferably 400 l/ha).

Please be informed/act accordingly.


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i.c. Director General of Agriculture –FYI, please.