

PCD/HS/2.7

1 Jan 2009

All Hazardous Substances Licence / Permit Holders

Dear Sir/Mdm,

### **PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF CHLORPYRIPHOS IN SINGAPORE**

With effect from 1 Jul 2009, Chlorpyrifos will not be permitted to be used in Singapore for any anti-termite soil treatment.

2 NEA currently approves the following termiticides for soil treatment:

- (a) Chlorpyrifos
- (b) Fipronil
- (c) Imidacloprid
- (d) Fenvalerate
- (e) Thiamethoxam

3 Of the five pesticides, Chlorpyrifos is the only organophosphate still allowed for use in termite control in Singapore. The United States had already phased out Chlorpyrifos for use in buildings / residential homes and pre-construction sites since 2001 and 2005 respectively.

4 We, therefore, would like to inform you that you should cease the use of Chlorpyrifos for anti-termite soil treatment with effect from 1 Jul 2009. You would, however, be allowed to use Chlorpyrifos for existing contracts signed before the date of this letter and which specified the use of Chlorpyrifos.

5 We would also like to advise you to deplete the existing stock of Chlorpyrifos before 1 Jul 2009 if you have no existing contracts which require you to use Chlorpyrifos for soil treatment after 1 Jul 2009.

6 With effect from the date of this letter, the following additional condition is hereby added to your existing Hazardous Substances Licence/Permit:

“The use of Chlorpyrifos or the sale of Chlorpyrifos for local use is prohibited with effect from 1 Jul 2009, except for existing anti-termite soil treatment contracts which specified the use of Chlorpyrifos before 1 Jan 2009.”

7 Please take note that your Hazardous Substances Licence/Permit may be revoked and stringent enforcement action be taken against you and your company if you fail to comply with the above condition.

8 Please contact our officers at 6731 9641 if you require any clarification. Thank you.

Yours faithfully

KOH CHIN YONG  
For DIRECTOR  
POLLUTION CONTROL DEPARTMENT

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