

[FPA Board Resolution No. 01, s. 2015, January 23, 2015]

BANNING ENDOSULFAN TECHNICAL GRADE AND ITS RELATED ALPHA AND BETA ISOMERS AND FORMULATIONS

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WHEREAS, Article II, Sections 15-16 of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines provide that, "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

" The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature";

WHEREAS, the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) is mandated by law to promulgate rules and regulations to protect the public and the environment from the inherent risks in the use of pesticides, and educating the agricultural sector in the use of these inputs;

WHEREAS, Section 6, III(3) of PD 1144, vested FPA with the powers and functions to, "Restrict or ban the use of any pesticide or the formulation of certain pesticides in specific areas or certain periods upon evidence that the pesticide is an imminent hazard, has caused or is causing widespread serious damage to crops, fish or livestock or to public health and the environment;

WHEREAS, Section 5.2.3-A of the "Pesticide Regulatory Policies and Implementing Guidelines", 2nd Edition, provides that "Banned pesticides are those which cannot be brought into and used in the country under any circumstances. Included in this classification are pesticides which have been found unacceptable for use under normal situation, whose registration had been cancelled by FPA or voluntarily withdrawn by the concerned company ...";

WHEREAS, the FPA Board upon the recommendation of the Inter-agency Committee under the Department of Agriculture and FPA's then Pesticide Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) approved - Board Resolution No. 01 dated September 29, 1993, and then FPA Administrator, Mr. Francisco Cornejo issued "Implementing Guidelines on Board Resolution No. 01 (1993) on Organotin, Azinphos-Ethyl, Methyl Parathion, Endosulfan and Monocrotophos", which restricted among others, the use of endosulfan to the following:

1. Restricted from being used in paddy rice.