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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
(Plant Protection Division)

347A, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated, the 12th April, 2022

Office Memorandum

Subject: Interim approval for application of already approved pesticide formulations through drones - reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the letter No. 108-189/2019-CIR-Idated 12th April, 2022 received from CIB&RC on the subject mentioned above and to convey the approval of the competent authority for the following:

- 1) The registered pesticide formulations comprising of insecticides, fungicides and plant growth regulators (PGR's) (including bio-pesticides and botanical pesticides) which otherwise are permitted to be sprayed manually by knapsack sprayers in the areas along the lines of specifications mentioned in the SoP are hereby provisionally approved for commercial use through drones for a period of 02 years from the date of approval.
- 2) The applicants/registrants who wish to use already registered products for spray using drones (list enclosed at Annexure-1) shall intimate to the Secretariat of CIB&RC about the details of the products, dose and the crops for intended use along with action plan of data generation.
- 3) For spray using drones beyond the two year interim period of approval, the registrants shall have to generate the requisite data during the interim period as per RC approved guidelines for application with drones and get it endorsed with the approval of the Registration Committee.
- 4) The applicant/registrant/drone operator shall be solely liable to adhere to the requirements as prescribed in the "Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

for use of drone application with pesticides for crop protection and for spraying soil and crop nutrients in agricultural, forestry, non cropped areas, etc.”(copy enclosed at Annexure-2) and to follow the guidelines and safety measures prescribed by the Central Insecticides Board and Registration Committee as envisaged under Rule 43 of the Insecticides Rules, 1971.

This issues with approval of the Competent Authority.

Encls: As above.

R Singh
18/04/22
(Ranjit Singh)

Director (PP)

To,

- 1. Plant Protection Advisor (PPA), DPPQS
- 2. APPA/Secretary(CIBRC), DPPQS
- 3. In charge IPM Division, DPPQ&S

Copy to :

- 1. PS to Hon'ble AM
- 2. PS to Hon'ble MoS
- 3. PS to Secretary, DA&FW
- 4. PS to AS(PP)
- 5. PS to JS (PP)
- 6. PS to JS(M&T)