



THE PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS BOARD

[A Statutory Organization of the Kenyan Government]

The Pest Control Products Act, Cap 346, laws of Kenya

GUIDELINES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS IN KENYA

March 2004

Introduction

It is an offence under the Pest Control Products Act to import or sell in Kenya any pest control product unless it has been registered by the Board.

Products subject to regulation

As defined in the pest control products act, Pest Control Product means "a product, device, organism, substance or thing that is manufactured, represented, sold or used as a means for directly or indirectly controlling, preventing, destroying, attracting or repelling any pest and includes-

- a) any compound or substance that enhances or modifies or is intended to enhance or modify the physical or chemical characteristics of pest control product to which it is added;
- b) any active ingredient used for the manufacture of a pest control product.

All products that are included in the definition require to undergo registration before they are imported or offered for sale.

General procedure of registration

Before any pest control product is registered for use in Kenya, the Board considers the product's safety, efficacy, quality and economic value in line with the Pest Control Products Registration Regulations LN 46/1984. The Board also ensures that the technical information is summarized on the label in conformity to the Pest Control Products, Labeling, Advertising and Packaging Regulations.

Every person desiring to register a pest control product is requested to submit:

1. an application for introduction of a new pest control product, Form PCP1,
2. an application for registration form, Form A1,
3. an experimental label,
4. a copy of a dossier of technical information (details of requirements are available at PCPB).

5. a sample of the pest control product, and samples of the technical grade and analytical laboratory standard of the active ingredient.
6. Introductory fee of Ksh 10,000 to obtain an experimental permit

If the Board is satisfied with the information provided, the product is released under experimental permit for local biological efficacy trials. This is carried out by institutions/researchers that have been accredited by the Board.

The list of accredited institutions/researchers is available at PCPB.

On completion of the biological efficacy trials, a confidential report is sent to PCPB by the testing institution. The applicant prepares 16 copies of summary dossiers for discussion by the registration committee. The applicant is also required to provide a proposed commercial label reflecting the application rates, timing of application as recommended in the local biological efficacy report, among other things.

The product is then discussed by the registration committee, which makes its recommendations to the Board.

If the Board is satisfied with the safety, efficacy, quality and economic value of a product, it is registered for a period of 3 years and a certificate of registration issued. This is renewable after every 2 years.

A product may be granted temporary registration for a period not exceeding one year under the following circumstances;

1. An applicant agrees to produce additional scientific or technical information in relation to the use for which the pest control product is to be sold
2. The pest control product is to be sold only for the emergency control of infestations that are seriously detrimental to public health, domestic animals, crops or natural resources.

PCPB is empowered to suspend or revoke a certificate of registration if;

1. it is realized later that the content of the support documents or the application leading to the issuance was false,
2. new information indicates that the product is unsafe, or the premises in which the product is manufactured, formulated or stored are unsuitable for the purpose.

The Board may refuse to register a pest control product if in its opinion-

1. The applicant for registration or the label of the product does not comply with the provisions of the Pest Control Products Act or regulations thereunder,
2. The information provided to the Board is insufficient to facilitate proper assessment or evaluation,
3. The applicant fails to establish that the product has merit or value for the purpose claimed when the product is used in accordance with the directions on the label,
4. The use of the product would lead to unacceptable risk or harm to the public, plants, animals, environment or things in which the product is intended to be used.

Time frame

The time it takes to register a product depends on a number of factors, which include;

1. The completeness of the submitted dossier and application package,
2. Excessive delays in submitting data in response to a request by the Board
3. The proposed uses and timing of seasons where its applicable-products for control of pest that are prevalent during certain seasons only may take long for the efficacy trial to be concluded.
4. Failure to appoint a local agent. Regulation 4(2) of the registration regulations requires that an applicant who is not a resident in Kenya appoints a local agent to whom correspondences may be sent.
5. Delays in submitting experimental samples and remitting funds to the testing institution.

Generally, where the above issues are addressed promptly, the average time it takes from submission of a dossier to registration of a product is as indicated below;

- a) Domestic class, 1 year
- b) Products for use on vegetables and flowers, 1-2 years
- c) General Herbicides, 2-3 years
- d) Acaricides-period varies depending on the time it takes to gazette the acaricide under the Cattle Cleansing Act, Cap 358.
- e) Coffee Products – 3-4 years

Fees

The current fees payable to the Board are indicated below;

- Full registration (3 years)-Ksh 30,000
- Temporary registration (1 year)- Ksh 10,000
- Renewal of a certificate of registration (2 years)-Ksh 20,000.

For more information, contact:

The Secretary/Chief Executive
Pest Control Products Board
Waiyaki Way, P.O.Box 13794, Westland, 00800, Nairobi, Kenya.
Telephone: 254-020-4446115/254-020-4450242
Fax: 254-020-4449072
Email: pcpboard@todays.co.ke or pcpboard @nbnet.co.ke