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USE ONLY REGISTERED PEST CONTROL OPERATORS FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY!!

**CROPLIFE SOUTH AFRICA AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEST CONTROL ASSOCIATION
URGE ALL SOUTH AFRICANS TO ONLY USE REGISTERED PEST CONTROL OPERATORS
FOR PEST MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

CropLife South Africa (CLSA) and the South African Pest Control Association (SAPCA) urge all members of the public and state departments to only use registered pest control operators when they require pest control services. It is imperative that clients check whether such service providers are registered as Pest Control Operators under the Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, 1947 (Act No. 36 of 1947).

Any person who offers pest control services in the course of business must be registered under Act No. 36 of 1947. Over the past year there were a number of incidents where unregistered individuals performed pest control services with dire consequences to their clients. Such individuals have virtually no knowledge of the pesticides they apply and create a serious health risk for people that inhabit, work or venture in such places. Registered pest control operators must present their certificates that are issued by the Registrar of Act No. 36 of 1947 with their P-numbers (operator's license) to clients to prove that they are registered.

Clients must also insist on the following:

1. A quotation stating the name, contact details and P-number of the registered pest control operator.
2. The trade name and active ingredient of the pesticide that will be applied as well as the dosage that is envisaged to ensure effective control.
3. Warnings such as evacuating premises before the pest control operation commences and time lapse before such premises may be occupied after the control operation.

Clients have the right and responsibility to check the labels of pesticides that are used to ensure that such products are registered for pest control in an environment habituated by people. These details can be found in the "Directions for use" sections on labels. Should a pest control operator attempt using a pesticide that is not registered for pest control in human inhabited environments, the client should report such misconduct to SAPCA and CLSA.

1. CropLife South Africa is the industry association of the agrochemical industry and represents manufacturers, suppliers, distributors and consultants operating in the agrochemical arena.
2. The South African Pest Control Association is an association of registered pest control operators. It also offers SAQA certified training courses for pest control industry through the PCSIB which is the training division of SAPCA.
3. The Inspectorate of the Directorate of Agriculture Inputs Control is the law enforcement entity of the Directorate that hosts the Registrar of Act No. 36 of 1947 and his staff.
4. Any person is allowed to perform his own pest control operations with pesticides that are registered for those particular purposes but when a person offers Pest control services as a business the person must be registered.
5. Pest control operators must comply with all sections of Act No. 36 of 1947, the general regulations for agricultural remedies and the pest control operator regulations.
6. When a company offers pest control services there must always be at least one holder of a pest control operator certificate present during the application of pesticides.

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