

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 31st December, 2008

S.O. 3009(E).—Whereas, the Central Government has constituted the Registration Committee under section 5 of the Insecticides Act, 1968 (46 of 1968) and set up an Expert Group with a view to investigate as to whether the continued use of certain insecticides in India will involve such risk to human beings or animals as it render it expedient or necessary to take immediate action;

And whereas the Central Government, after considering the recommendations of the said Expert Group and after consultation with the Registration Committee set up under the said Act is satisfied that the use of Linuron involves health hazards to human beings and environment;

The Draft Order, which the Central Government proposes to make, is hereby published for information of all persons likely to be affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the said Draft Order shall be taken into consideration after expiry of a period of forty-five days from the date on which the copies of the Gazette of India containing the Order are made available to the public.

Any suggestion or objection in respect of the said Draft Order may be forwarded to the Central Government within the period so specified to the Joint Secretary (Plant Protection), Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi-110 001.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 27 read with section 28 of the Insecticides Act, 1968 (46 of 1968), the Central Government hereby proposes to make the following Order, namely:

DRAFT ORDER

1. This Order may be called the Banning of Linuron Order, 2008.
2. No person shall use Linuron in Agriculture.
3. The Registration Committee shall call back the certificates of registration granted for Linuron from all registrants including new registrants.
4. If any person who holds the certificate of registration fails to return the certificate to the Registration Committee, referred to in clause (3), within a period of six months, action shall be taken under Section 14 of the said Act.
5. Every State Government shall take all such steps under the provisions of the said Act and the rules made thereunder, as it considers necessary for the execution of this Order in the State.

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PANKAJ KUMAR, Jt. Secy.