

Ministerial Decree

No. 90 of 2007

Concerning the criteria for the registration, renewal of registration, and use of agricultural pesticides in the Arab Republic of Egypt

The Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation:

Having reviewed:-

- Law No. 53 of 1966 on Agriculture,
- the Ministerial Decree No. 3059 of 2004 concerning agricultural pesticides,
- the Ministerial Decree No. 3060 of 2004 concerning the enumeration of all agricultural pesticides and reviewing the conditions and measures of their registration,
- the Ministerial Decree No. 719 of 2005,
- and upon the recommendations of the Agricultural Pesticides Committee,

has decided the following:-

Article 1:

Registration or re-registration of agricultural pesticides, toxicity assessment and reassessment of the pesticides, and the assessment of the safety of pesticide handling practices, shall be carried out according to the standards set by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The standard specifications set by the Joint Committee of these two agencies (JMPR: Joint FAO-WHO Meeting of Pesticide Residues) shall be followed, taking into consideration the recommendations of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

The recommendations of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the European Commission (EC) shall be followed when allowing the registration, use, and handling of pesticides, in order to ensure public health and environmental protection, and to maintain crop productivity and safety. Besides, the relevant international agreements that has been ratified (PIC, POPs), or that are in the process of being ratified or joined by the Arab Republic of Egypt, shall be taken into account.

Article 2:

- a. The registration and use of any agricultural pesticide shall be banned if it is prohibited by both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the European Commission (EC), or by an international agreement that has been ratified, or will be ratified, by the Arab Republic of Egypt.
- b. Agricultural pesticides that are prohibited by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) or the European Commission (EC), for reasons of public health and environmental safety, shall be banned in the Arab Republic of Egypt.
- c. Registration of agricultural pesticides is carried out according to the conditions and measures provided for in the ministerial decree no. 3059 of 2004, and in a way that does not contradict the provisions of this decree, and taking into consideration the conditions for use of pesticides applied by the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the European Commission (EC). In case of difficulty of applying these conditions or if these conditions are incompatible with the conditions of using pesticides in Egypt, the Agricultural Pesticides Committee may add or replace some of the conditions for use in a way that suits the Egyptian conditions. It may also decide not to allow the registration or use of these pesticides in Egypt.

Article 3:

The Agricultural Pesticides Committee shall conduct comprehensive reviews to assess all the agricultural pesticides that have been used, or are being used, in Egypt to ensure their compliance with the requirements in this decree.

If they prove to be in compliance with these requirements, the Committee shall take measures to renew their registration. If, however, they prove to be in contradiction of the stated requirements, sections (a.) and (b.) under article (2) of this decree shall be enforced. In this case, the registration of pre-registered pesticides shall be abrogated and their use shall be banned as of the expiration date of the registration certificate or the end of the next agricultural season of the crops on which their use is recommended, whichever comes first, if these pesticides are already banned in Egypt.

Article 4:

The Agricultural Pesticides Committee shall prepare two lists, the first of which includes the names of the pesticides that may be registered or re-registered in Egypt, while the second includes the names of the pesticides whose registration and use shall be banned in Egypt. These two lists shall be periodically reviewed and amendments shall be introduced to or between them according to the provisions of this decree, provided that these amendments are approved by a decree from the Minister of Agriculture.

Article 5:

The Agricultural Pesticides Committee may present comments, proposals, and recommendations as it sees fit regarding the amendment of the provisions of the law on agriculture that regulate the use of pesticides, especially regarding strengthening the penalties for violating these provisions or for violating the conditions for use of agricultural pesticides.

Article 6:

All resolutions that are incompatible with the provisions of this decree shall be abrogated.

Article 7:

The decree shall be published in Al-Waqa'e Al-Mesreya and shall become effective on the next day of its publication date.

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Land Reclamation**

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