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Overview of The Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, (Act No. 36 of 1947)

DIRECTORATE: AGRICULTURAL INPUTS CONTROL (AIC)

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OBJECTIVE OF THE DIRECTORATE

The objective of the Directorate Agricultural Inputs Control is to ensure effective registration administration and control of agricultural production inputs (product and services) by applying proper and effective registration procedures, norms and standards, and in so doing, conforming to approved requirements of safety, efficacy and quality.

The Directorate operates mainly in terms of Act No. 36 of 1947 and its Regulations.



OVERALL OBJECTIVES

- Administration of Legislation (Act 36/47 and regulations) through:
 - Effective registration of agricultural inputs (Products and services)
 - Conformation of registered products in line with approved requirements of safety, efficacy and quality
 - Provision of guidance to registration holders and the public with regard to relevant agricultural production input products
 - Facilitation of proper communication to registration holders and the general public
 - Ensuring technical advisory services pertaining to all registration applications
 - Ensure Pre and Post market control measures.

ACT NO. 36 OF 1947 (THE ACT AND ITS REGULATIONS)



The fertilizer, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, 1947 (Act No. 36 of 1947)

It is designed to promote proper ways and means to regulate and administer the registration of:

- Fertilizers
- Farm Feeds (Additives)
- Agricultural Remedies
- Stock Remedies
- Sterilizing Plants
- Pest Control Operators



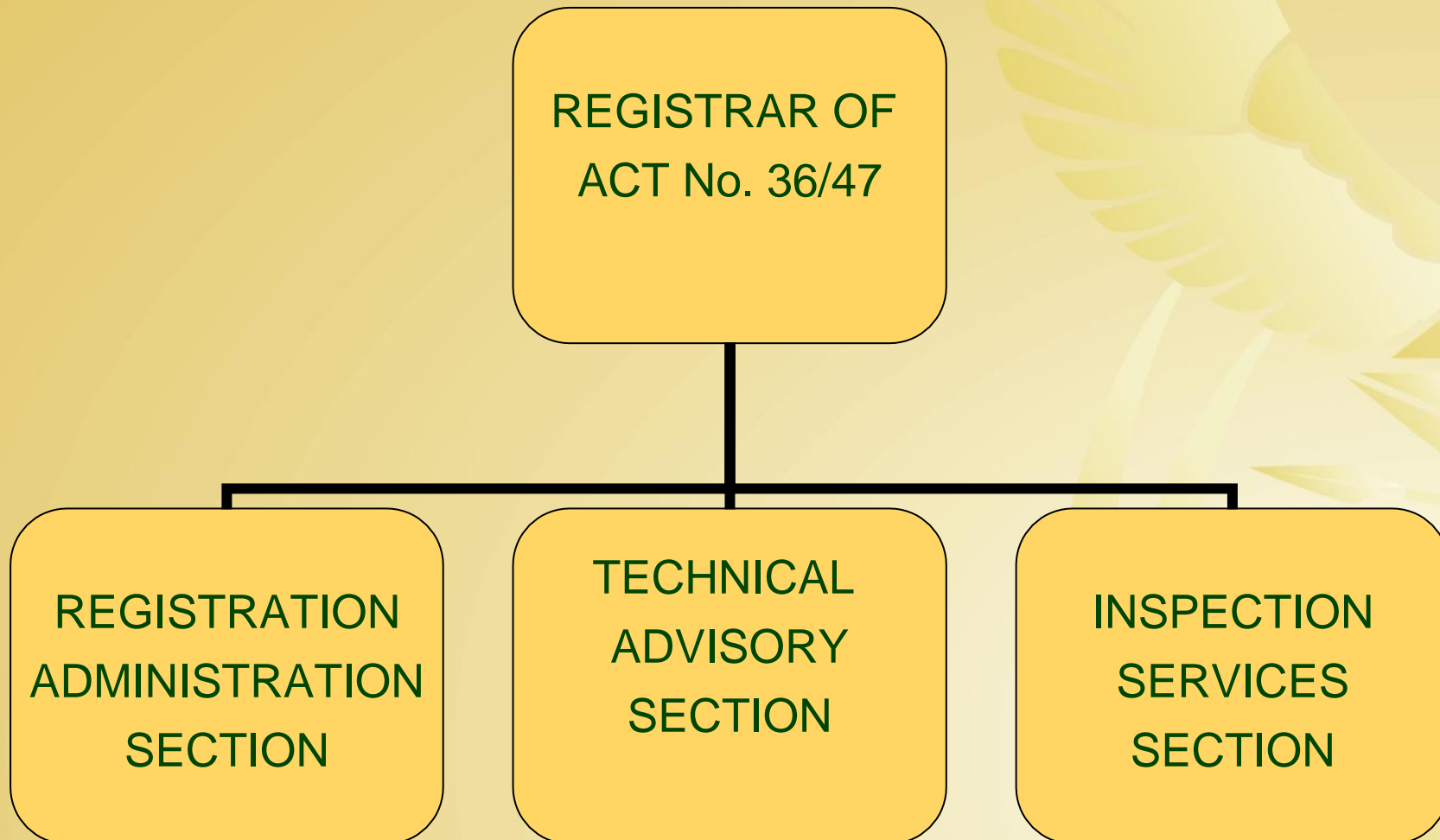
Act No. 36 of 1947 (The Act and its Regulations) Cont..



- Prescribe manner in which Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock remedies should be registered or may be renewed and the information to be furnished and the fees to be paid
- Prescribe the description and conditions under which substance may be registered, imported, sold
- Prescribe the composition, efficacy, chemical, physical or other property required
- Prescribe deficiency limits for ingredients and the proportion in which such any preservative, antiseptic or other constituent may be present
- Prescribe requirements for mass and volume and containers in which products is to be stored and labeled
- Prescribe requirements in which establishment should comply with
- Prescribe records to be kept, etc



OPERATIONAL ORGANOGRAMME



REGISTRATON PROCESS



Application for Registration/Registrar Act 36/47 (Prescribed form, requirements)



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REGISTRATION ADMINISTRATION

The Registration Administration section is a direct extension of the Registrar's office. Being a line function operation, it performs the following , tasks:

RESPONSIBILITIES

- To receive applications for products and services
- To refer the applications to various technical advisors in order to obtain a recommendation on safety, efficacy and quality;
- On receipt of the recommendation to prepare the final documentation for a decision from the Registrar or delegated official/s;
- To inform applicants of the final decision of the application;
- To liase with the public regarding enquiries and procedures in terms of Act and relevant regulations.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICES

To advise the Registrar with regards to technical matters referred to them by the Registrar,

RESPONSIBILITIES

- To analyse, evaluate and make recommendations on registration applications in terms of approved standards, requirements, policies and relevant legislation.
- Check proposed product registration advertisements for scientific correctness.
- Compile guides (products) and provide information on registered products and related matter.
- Liase with government department, industry, registration holders, relevant role players and clients on a regular basis
- Draft policies, guidelines, prescriptions as well as the amendments of the legislation

INSPECTION SERVICES SECTION

In terms of Section 15 of the Act, Inspection Service is a support Service to the Registrar. The aim of the section is to ensure compliance of the Act and its regulations.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- To conduct inspection at Establishment (GMP & QMS), Distributors, Agro Depots, Co-ops etc.
- To conduct regular sampling of products to ensure that quality products and services are available to the end user
- To introduce litigation procedures when illegal sales, use or manufacturing practices are detected or reported (investigations)
- Advise the Registrar and the executive on legislation, regulations and global trends relating to agrochemicals.

MARKETING CONTROL MEASURES

➤ PRE MARKERT CONTROL

e.g. No person shall sell any Agricultural Remedy or Fertilizers unless-
It is registered under Act No. 36 of 1947

➤ POST MARKETING CONTROL – (USE)

e.g. Products Packed in manner and mass or volume prescribed;
Container complies with prescribed requirements and is sealed, labeled or
marked in manner prescribed.

No person shall use the product other than how is prescribed on the label.

PRE MARKET COMPLIANCE

- Conducting inspection at establishment for suitability of the structure of establishment
- Sampling if necessary for comparison with the analysis results of the applicant
- Monitoring of trials
- Assessment of products for registration

POST REGISTRATION COMPLIANCE

- Insuring compliance of manufacturing establishments.
- Inspections of products at coops, depots, supermarkets, nurseries, pharmacies in terms of the registrations as per, label, packaging, by conducting routine inspections using check lists and inspection reports.
- Insuring compliance of the composition and efficacy or chemical composition of a product by conducting risk based sampling method and random sampling of about 10% of the total number of registrations per annum.
- Insuring compliance of the PCO in the office and on the field through a routine inspection using check list and inspection reports.
- Conducting routine inspection at the local produce farms (200 farms inspected per annum) to insure the compliance on the use of pesticides and Fertilizers through a check list.

IMPORTATION

No person shall import any agrochemical into the Republic unless-

- It is registered in terms of Act;
- Is of composition and efficacy specified;
- Complies with requirements prescribed;
- Is packed in sealed container, marked or labeled in prescribed manner.
- Have a permit for trial or have a permit for a national disaster.

GAPS IDENTIFIED IN THE ACT

- Scope
- Decisions
- New developments
 - Industries
 - Constitution
 - International
- Reference to other legislation
- Compliance and penalties
- No provision for review of registered products



THANK YOU



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