

# **Environmental Agents Control Act**

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## **Chapter 1: General Provisions**

### **Article 1**

The purpose of the Environmental agents Control Act (hereinafter “this Act”) is to prevent damage resulting from environmental agents and to protect human health and the environment. For matters not provided for herein, other relevant laws and regulations shall apply.

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<sup>1</sup> Translators’ note: This translation is for informational purposes only and does not represent the binding law of the Republic of China. The binding law appears only in the national language--Chinese. Therefore, for purposes other than acquiring information, reference must be made to the original Chinese version of this Act.

In translating this Act, the translators did not depart from the original Chinese text. Accordingly, ambiguities present in the translation are also present in the original.

In the Chinese version of this Act, each paragraph is referred to as a “section” (*hsiang*). Bracketed text indicates translator additions for the purpose of increasing clarity.

## Article 2

The term “Responsible Agency” as used in this Act refers to the Environmental Protection Administration of the Executive Yuan ("TEPA") at the central government level, the Environmental Protection Department at the provincial government level, the Bureau of Environmental Protection at municipal government level, and the County (or City) Government at the county (or city) government level.<sup>2</sup>

## Article 3

Particular terms used in this Act are defined as follows:

1. “Environmental agents” means the environmental sanitation pesticides, pollution control chemicals, or environmental microbial preparations listed below, further classified into three sub-classes according to concentration and usage--technical grade environmental agents, general use environmental agents, and restricted use environmental agents:
  - (1) Insecticides, acaricides, rodenticides, fungicides for environmental sanitation and other chemicals used to control living things detrimental to environmental sanitation;
  - (2) Chemical compounds used for air, water, or soil pollution control, or waste treatment;
  - (3) Microbial agents created with natural or man-made microorganisms or agents resulting from the metabolic processes of the microorganisms and used for air, water, or soil pollution control, waste treatment or environmental vector control;
  - (4) Other agents specified by the Responsible Agency at the central government level via public announcement;
2. “Technical grade environmental agents” means active ingredients required for manufacturing and processing of general use and restricted use environmental

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<sup>2</sup> Translators’ note: Under the jurisprudence of the Republic of China, there are three levels of government: central, provincial/municipal and county/city. At the time of this translation (November 1998), only two municipalities exist: Taipei and Kaohsiung.

agents;

3. "General use environmental agents" means agents manufactured or processed with technical grade environmental agents, containing active ingredients not exceeding the limits specified by the Responsible Agency at the central government level and designed for ready application;
4. "Restricted use environmental agents" means chemicals manufactured or processed with technical grade environmental agents, that must be applied using special safety measures, or other chemicals specified by the Responsible Agency at the central government level;
5. "Environmental pesticide manufacturers" refers to those managing the manufacturing, processing, and repacking of environmental pesticide, the exporting, wholesaling, retailing of their own environmental pesticide products, as well as the importing of technical grade environmental pesticide;
6. "Environmental pesticide sellers" refers to those managing the importing, exporting, wholesaling and retailing of environmental agents, but not including retailers of general use environmental agents;
7. "Pest controllers" refer to those applying environmental agents to control insect vectors, mites, rodents and other pests, as well as those applying fungicides and disinfectants.

Provisions concerning environmental pesticide sellers shall apply to the environmental pesticide manufacturers, mentioned in Item 5 of this Article, managing the exporting, wholesaling, or retailing of their own environmental pesticide products, unless otherwise prescribed under this Act.

#### **Article 4**

"Counterfeit environmental agents" refers to one of the following:

1. [Environmental agents] manufactured, processed, imported without authorization of the Responsible Agency at the central government level;

2. Domestic or foreign [Environmental agents] which consist of unauthorized additions or replacements;
3. [Environmental agents] the labels for which contain altered expiration dates; and
4. [Environmental agents] containing unauthorized active ingredients.

#### **Article 5**

"Prohibited environmental agents" refers to environmental agents containing ingredients the manufacturing, processing, importing, exporting, selling, or using of which is prohibited by the Responsible Agency at the central government level via public announcement.

#### **Article 6**

"Inferior quality environmental agents" refers to environmental agents possessing one of the following characteristics:

1. [Environmental agents] augmented or modified by tints, preservatives, fragrances, solvents, or excipient;
2. [Environmental agents] the amount of active ingredients in which are not consistent with allowable deviation standards;
3. [Environmental agents] that exceed their expiration date.

## **Chapter 2: Registration**

**Article 7**

[The registrant of] an environmental pesticide to be manufactured, processed, or imported shall submit to the Responsible Agency at the central government level, for purposes of testing, registration and issuance of a permit, the name, ingredients, characteristics, manufacturing process summary, analysis method description and other relevant data or certificates together with labeling and samples [of the environmental pesticide].

Small amounts of environmental agents carried [into the Republic of China] by passengers or transportation personnel shall not be subject to the requirements prescribed in the preceding Section; categories and amount limitations shall be specified by the Responsible Agency at the central government level in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance.

The environmental agents mentioned in the preceding Section are limited to those for personal consumption and are prohibited from sale.

**Article 8**

Environmental pesticide manufacturing or importation permits are valid for a period of five (5) years; within six (6) months of the expiration of [manufacturing or importation] permits, the permit holder may apply to the Responsible Agency at the central government level for a [permit] extension. Each [permit] extension shall be valid for a period of no longer than five (5) years.

Prior to the [manufacturing or importation] permit expiration date, the Responsible Agency at the central government level may revoke the permit for purposes of protecting public health or the [local] ecology.

**Article 9**

Prior to the commencement of business [activities], environmental pesticide sellers and pest controllers shall apply for [a sales/pest control license] with the Responsible Agency at the county (city) government level; the application [for a sales/pest control license] shall be transferred to the Responsible Agency at the provincial government level for approval and issuance of the [sales/pest control] license; where those sellers and pest controllers are located within a municipality, they

shall apply for issuance of a [sales/pest control] license at the Responsible Agency at the municipal government level. Environmental pesticide manufacturers who engage in export, wholesale, or retail of their own products at the location of their company or plant, or import technical grade environmental agents, need not apply for an environmental pesticide sales license.

#### **Article 10**

The contents of environmental pesticide manufacture and import permits, and sales and pest control licenses, may not be modified without prior authorization from the Responsible Agency that [originally] issued the permit/license.

### **Chapter 3: Management**

#### **Article 11**

Environmental pesticide manufacturers shall establish environmental pesticide plants and [complete] plant registration in accordance with relevant laws and regulations; the sanitary conditions and facilities of the plant(s) shall comply with standards for establishing environmental pesticide plants.

The plant establishment standards mentioned in the preceding Section shall promulgated by the Responsible Agency at the central government level in conjunction with Responsible Agency for the Enterprise Associated with the Industry at Issue.<sup>3</sup>

Environmental pesticide plants established prior to the effective date of this Act shall be in compliance with the plant establishment standards [mentioned in the preceding Sections] within three (3) years of the promulgation thereof.

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<sup>3</sup> Translators' note: For example, the Ministry of Economic Affairs in the case of an electric power plant, or the Ministry of Finance in the case of a financial institution.

**Article 12**

Environmental pesticide manufacturers shall not utilize untested or unregistered technical grade environmental agents in the manufacturing or processing of environmental agents.

**Article 13**

Transfer of technical grade environmental agents may occur only if authorized by the Responsible Agency at the central government level.

**Article 14**

The requirements stipulated in Article 7 [of this Act] shall not apply where environmental pesticide manufacturers receive authorization from the Responsible Agency at the central government level to, at the request of foreign buyers, manufacture or process environmental agents solely for export.

The environmental agents mentioned in the preceding Section may not be sold or otherwise used in the Republic of China.

**Article 15**

Environmental pesticide manufacturers shall not delegate or be delegated [responsibility for] manufacturing environmental agents without [prior] authorization by the Responsible Agency at the central government level.

**Article 16**

Formulating or repacking of environmental agents shall commence only after [prior] authorization by the Responsible Agency at the central government level.

**Article 17**

Environmental pesticide manufacturers, sellers and pest controllers shall employ professional technicians.

The Responsible Agency at the central government level shall prescribe measures governing the training, license receipt and revocation, employment and

administration of the professional technicians mentioned in the preceding Section.

**Article 18**

Environmental pesticide sellers and retailers of general use environmental agents shall not store or sell unlabeled environmental agents or sell environmental agents that are not in their original packaging.

**Article 19**

Restricted use environmental agents shall only be sold to the Responsible Agencies for public health or environmental protection, their subordinate agencies, or licensed environmental pesticide sellers, pest controllers, or other agencies authorized by the Responsible Agency at the provincial (municipal) government level.

**Article 20**

Pest Controller Management Measures shall be promulgated by the Responsible Agency at the central government level.

**Article 21**

Environmental agents [produced] only for experimental research, educational demonstrations, special control programs, or for registration [samples], and authorized by the Responsible Agency at the central government level, shall be exempt from the requirements stipulated in Articles 7 and 13 of this Act.

The environmental agents mentioned in the preceding Section shall not be sold or otherwise used.

The Responsible Agency at the central government level may revoke authorization of the environmental agents for experimental research or educational demonstration mentioned in Section 1 of this Article for the purpose of protecting public health or the [local] ecology.

**Article 22**

Environmental pesticide manufacturers, sellers, and pest controllers shall

[prepare] records showing the amount of environmental agents manufactured, processed, exported, imported, sold, and used each month.

The records mentioned in the preceding Section shall be retained for three (3) years; when necessary, the Responsible Agency(ies) may order [environmental pesticide manufacturers, sellers, and pest controllers] to submit these records [for review].

### **Article 23**

The allowable deviation standards for the amounts of active ingredients in environmental agents shall be promulgated by the Responsible Agency at the central government level.

Any modification of the allowable deviation standards [promulgated pursuant to the preceding Section] shall come into force only after six (6) months following public announcement [by the Responsible Agency at the central government level].

### **Article 24**

Storage, placement, and usage of environmental agents shall comply with regulations promulgated by the Responsible Agency at the central government level.

### **Article 25**

Labeling, label usage and label modification, for environmental agents shall be authorized in advance by the Responsible Agency at the central government level.

The [contents] of the labeling mentioned in the preceding Section shall be written in Chinese, prominently displayed on the packaging or container, and include the plant name, address, and permit number, as well as the [environmental pesticide] name, ingredients, manufacture date, batch number, expiration date, warnings, application methods, [and related] emergency first aid and antidote [information].

### **Article 26**

The clearing away and disposal of waste environmental agents and environmental pesticide containers shall be conducted in accordance with the Waste

Disposal Act and other relevant laws and regulations.

**Article 27**

The handling and management of microbial agents used in environmental agents applied in each ecological or water resource protection area shall be prescribed and publicly announced by the Responsible Agency at the central government level in consultation with other relevant agencies.

**Article 28**

The management measures governing development, experimentation and research on environmental pesticide microbial agents created with microorganisms or the agents resulting from the metabolic processes of the microorganisms via genetic engineering or other techniques shall be promulgated by the Responsible Agency at the central government level.

**Article 29**

Whenever environmental pesticide microbial agents pollute the environment or endanger the [local] ecology or public health, responsible persons or the actual handlers [of the microbial agents] shall immediately take emergency measures and report [the polluting or endangering incident] within two (2) hours of the occurrence [of the incident]. The Responsible Agency(ies) may immediately prohibit handling [of the environmental agents related to the polluting or endangering incident].

**Article 30**

[Prospective advertisers of] environmental agents shall not [conduct such] advertisement without [first] obtaining an environmental pesticide permit, or environmental pesticide seller or pest controller license.

**Article 31**

Environmental pesticide manufacturers, sellers, or pest controllers conducting advertisement [of environmental agents] shall not include [in these advertisements] information exceeding that which is contained in [the environmental pesticide] registrations or otherwise make false or inappropriate claims.

Environmental pesticide manufacturers, sellers, or pest controllers shall submit all written, visual, or oral information to be included in [environmental pesticide] advertisements to the Responsible Agency at the provincial (municipal) government level for approval and shall present [evidence of] approval [of the advertisement] to the [representative of the] media [that will carry the advertisement].

## **Chapter 4: Inspections and Enforcement**

### **Article 32**

The Responsible Agency(ies) shall dispatch inspectors with proper identification to enter public and private premises to inspect the manufacturing, processing, repacking, formulating, selling, storing, and using of, and experimental research and educational demonstrations on, environmental agents. When a situation potentially constituting a violation or endangerment of the [local] ecology or public health is discovered, [the inspectors] may order temporary sealing [of the environmental agents or related articles in question] and require that the legal representatives [of the premises] safeguard [the sealed environmental agents]. When necessary, [the inspectors] may collect samples for inspection purposes and issue a receipt therefor.

### **Article 33**

In accordance with inspection results, the environmental agents or related articles sealed pursuant to the preceding Article shall be handled according to one of the following situations:

1. Where violations of this Act are discovered, penalties shall be imposed in accordance with this Act; where the sealed environmental agents or related articles are regarded as waste by the Responsible Agency(ies), the sealed environmental agents or related articles shall be treated according to the Waste Disposal Act and relevant laws and regulations; or
2. Where no violations of this Act are discovered, the environmental agents [in question] shall be unsealed.

#### Article 34

When environmental pesticide manufacturing[/processing] or importing permits are revoked pursuant to Section 2 of Article 8 of this Act, the environmental pesticide manufacturers/processors or importers shall prepare an itemized list of warehoused environmental agents within seven (7) days of receiving the notice of revocation and shall, within two (2) months [of receiving the notice of revocation], recall and prepare an itemized list of those environmental agents placed on the market and submit each list to the Responsible Agency at the local government level for approval and reference. The Responsible Agency at the local government level shall dispatch inspectors to count and take the environmental agents [at issue] into custody and perform other appropriate actions.

#### Article 35

Whenever counterfeit or prohibited environmental agents are discovered, [the Responsible Agency(ies)] shall inform the manufacturer, processor, or importer to prepare an itemized list of warehoused environmental agents within seven (7) days of receiving the notice of violation and, within fifteen (15) days [of receiving the notice of violation], recall and prepare an itemized list of those counterfeit or prohibited environmental agents placed on the market and submit each list to the Responsible Agency at the local government level for approval and reference. The Responsible Agency(ies) [specified below] may [conduct the following activities]:<sup>4</sup>

1. Responsible Agency(ies) at the local government level: dispatch inspectors to count, take into custody, and potentially confiscate and appropriately dispose of [the environmental agents at issue];
2. Agency(ies) originally issuing permits or licenses [at issue]: revoke manufacturing or importing permits, licenses, or plant registration certificates and publicly announce the plant name and address, legal representative name, counterfeit or prohibited environmental pesticide name, and description of the violations of those manufacturing, processing, or importing counterfeit environmental agents, or misrepresenting permit or license ownership;

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<sup>4</sup> Translators' note: the original Chinese text does not specifically indicate what particular events trigger the listed Responsible Agency actions.

3. Agency(ies) originally issuing permits or licenses [at issue]: revoke permits or licenses involving those displaying for the purpose of selling, or using counterfeit or prohibited environmental agents and publicly announce the plant name and address, legal representative name, counterfeit or prohibited environmental pesticide name, and description of the violations of those manufacturing, processing, or importing counterfeit environmental agents.

### **Article 36**

Upon discovery of inferior quality environmental agents, [the Responsible Agency(ies)] shall inform the manufacturer, processor, or importer to prepare an itemized list of warehoused environmental agents within seven (7) days of receiving the notice of violation and, within one (1) month [of receiving the notice of violation], recall and prepare an itemized list of those inferior quality environmental agents placed on the market and submit each list to the Responsible Agency at the local government level for approval and reference. The Responsible Agency at the local government level shall dispatch inspectors to count and take into custody [the environmental agents at issue].

If the inferior quality environmental agents mentioned in the preceding Section were manufactured or processed in the Republic of China and, after inspection, are found to be capable of improvement for use, the original manufacturer and submit, within two (2) months [of receiving the notice of violation], an improvement plan to the Responsible Agency at the central government level for approval. After approval of the [improvement] plan, the Responsible Agency at the central government level shall order the Responsible Agency at the county (city) government level to dispatch [personnel] to supervise the improvement which shall take place within a specified time period; the Responsible Agency at the provincial (municipal) government level shall confiscate and appropriately dispose of those [inferior quality environmental agents] not susceptible to improvement, for which the improvement plans have not been submitted within the specified time period, or for which improvement plans have not been completed within the specified time period. If importation of the inferior quality environmental agents was [originally] authorized,<sup>5</sup> the Responsible Agency at the provincial (municipal) government level shall order the original importer to repatriate

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<sup>5</sup> Translators' note: the original Chinese text does not indicate the source of this import authorization.

[the inferior quality environmental agents]; those [inferior quality environmental agents] not repatriated within the specified time period will be confiscated and appropriately disposed of by the Responsible Agency at the provincial (municipal) government level.

The Responsible Agency(ies) shall publicly announce the plant name and address, legal representative name, (inferior quality) environmental pesticide name, and description of the violations of those manufacturing, processing, importing, selling, displaying for the purpose of selling, or using inferior quality environmental agents; if the violation is serious or repeated, the Responsible Agency(ies) may revoke the permits or licenses involved, or order suspension of operations.

### **Article 37**

The disposal of environmental agents shall be prescribed by the Responsible Agency at the central government level when environmental pesticide manufacturers, sellers, or pest controllers are ordered to wind up or shut down business, or if their permits or licenses are revoked.

### **Article 38**

When appropriate disposal of the environmental agents taken into custody or confiscated in accordance with this Act is necessary, the [associated] costs shall be borne by the original manufacturers, processors, importers, or sellers [of the environmental agents at issue].

## **Chapter 5: Penalties**

### **Article 39**

Those manufacturing, processing, or importing counterfeit or prohibited environmental agents shall be punished by imprisonment of up to three (3) years with the possible addition of a fine of up to one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) New Taiwan Dollars ("NTD").

Those committing crimes, mentioned in Section 1 [of this Article], resulting in death shall be punished by imprisonment of up to seven (7) years, with the possible addition of a fine of up to three hundred thousand (300,000) NTD; those causing serious physical harm or injury shall be punished by imprisonment of up to five (5)

years, with the possible addition of a fine of up to two hundred thousand (200,000) NTD.

Punishments may be increased up to one half [the original amounts] for those committing crimes prescribed in the preceding two (2) Sections and failing to recall [counterfeit or prohibited environmental agents] placed on the market within a specified time period and submit [the required itemized list of environmental agents] to the Responsible Agency(ies).

Attempts to commit the crimes mentioned in Section 1 of this Article shall be punished.

#### **Article 40**

Those knowingly selling, transporting, concealing, serving as an agent [in a related transaction], transferring, displaying for the purpose of selling, or storing counterfeit or prohibited environmental agents, as well as those knowingly formulating or repacking counterfeit or prohibited environmental agents for others, shall be punished by imprisonment of up to three (3) years, with the possible addition of a fine of up to one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) NTD.

Those committing crimes, mentioned in Section 1 [of this Article], resulting in death shall be punished by imprisonment of up to seven (7) years, with the possible addition of a fine of up to three hundred thousand (300,000) NTD; those causing serious physical harm shall be punished by imprisonment of up to five (5) years, with the possible addition of a fine of up to two hundred thousand (200,000) NTD.

Attempts to commit the crimes mentioned in Section 1 of this Article shall be punished.

#### **Article 41**

Crimes prescribed in Articles 39 or 40, when committed by representatives<sup>6</sup> of a juristic (legal) person, agents of natural or legal person, or employees or other persons engaged in business activities, shall be punished in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Act. In addition, the fines prescribed therein shall be imposed upon

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<sup>6</sup> Translators' note: "representatives" are not necessarily "agents" under Taiwan law.

the juristic (legal) or natural persons involved.

**Article 42**

The counterfeit or prohibited environmental agents discovered pursuant to this Act and the manufacturing equipment therefor, shall be confiscated regardless of ownership.

**Article 43**

Those manufacturing, processing, or importing inferior quality environmental agents shall be punished by an administrative penalty of between ninety thousand (90,000) and four hundred fifty thousand (450,000) NTD.

Those selling, transporting, concealing, serving as an agent [in a related transaction], transferring, displaying for the purpose of selling, or storing inferior quality environmental agents mentioned in Section 1, Items 1 and 2 of this Act, shall be punished by an administrative penalty of between sixty thousand (60,000) and three hundred thousand (300,000) NTD.

Those selling, transporting, concealing, serving as an agent [in a related transaction], transferring, displaying for the purpose of selling, or storing inferior quality environmental agents mentioned in Item 3 of Article 6 of this Act, shall be punished by an administrative penalty of between thirty thousand (30,000) and one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) NTD.

**Article 44**

Those failing to apply for extensions of permits pursuant to Section 1 of Article 8, or those persons conducting [relevant] business without obtaining licenses in accordance with Article 9, shall be punished by an administrative penalty of between thirty thousand (30,000) and one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) NTD. Those persons violating the provisions of Section 2 of Article 14, or Section 2 of Article 21, shall be punished by an administrative penalty of between ninety thousand (90,000) and four hundred fifty thousand (450,000) NTD.

**Article 45**

Those falling into one (1) of the following categories shall be punished by an administrative penalty of between sixty thousand (60,000) and three hundred thousand (300,000) NTD and may be ordered to comply within a specified time period; if the violation continues after the end of the specified time period, or if the violation is serious, [relevant] permits or licenses [held by the following categories of persons] shall be revoked; when necessary, [the following categories of persons] may be ordered to suspend operations, or terminate or shut down the business:

1. Those violating the provisions of Articles 12, 13, 15, 16, Section 1 of Article 17, or Articles 18, 19, 22, 24, 25, 29, 30, or 31;
2. Those violating [the provisions of] the public announcement made pursuant to Article 27, or the measures promulgated pursuant to Section 2 of Article 17, or Article 28 of this Act; and
3. Those violating the provisions of Articles 34, 35, or Section 1 of Article 36 for failing to recall and prepare an itemized list of relevant environmental agents and for failing to submit the itemized list to the Responsible Agency(ies) for approval and reference.

#### **Article 46**

Those falling into one (1) of the following categories shall be punished by an administrative penalty of between thirty thousand (30,000) and one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) NTD and may be ordered to comply within a specified time period; if the violation continues after the end of the specified time period, or if the violation is serious, [relevant] permits or licenses [held by the following categories of persons] shall be revoked; when necessary, [the following categories of persons] may be ordered to suspend operations, or terminate or shut down the business:

1. Those violating the provisions of Section 3 of Article 7, or Article 10;
2. Those refusing, evading, or obstructing inspections, sampling, testing, or sealing [of environmental agents] for safekeeping conducted in accordance with Article 32;
3. Those violating the orders issued pursuant to Section 2 of Article 11, or Articles 20, or 37; and

4. Those violating the provisions of Section 3 of Article 11.

**Article 47**

Those whose [environmental pesticide] permits or licenses have been revoked shall not apply for re-issuance of the permits or licenses for one (1) year [from the date of revocation]. The name [of the environmental pesticide] on the original permit shall not be [the subject of] a permit application for two (2) years [from the date of revocation of the original permit].

**Article 48**

The punishments prescribed under this Act shall be imposed by the Environmental Protection Administration of the Executive Yuan at the central government level, the Department of Environmental Protection at the provincial government level, the Bureau of Environmental Protection at the municipal government level, or the County (or City) Government at the county (or city) government level.

**Article 49**

Orders to suspend operations or terminate business shall be enforced by the Responsible Agency(ies) [for the Act]; revocation of manufacturing, processing, or importing permits, licenses, or plant registration certificates shall be enforced by the agency originally issuing the permits/licenses/certificates involved; orders to wind up the business shall be initiated by the Responsible Agency(ies) [for the Act] and transferred to the Responsible Agency for the Enterprises Associated with the Industry at Issue for enforcement.

**Article 50**

Those failing to pay administrative penalties imposed in accordance with this Act shall be subject to orders for compliance within a specified time period; if the failure to pay the administrative penalty is not remedied by the end of the specified time period, the violation of the order shall be referred to the court for enforcement.

## Chapter 6: Supplementary Provisions

### Article 51

Those receiving permits or licenses prior to the effective date of this Act, pursuant to the [repealed] regulations for the control of environmental agents, shall apply for re-issuance of the permits or licenses within six (6) months following the date of public announcement issued by the Responsible Agency at the central government level.<sup>7</sup>

Those engaged in pest control, manufacture, import, or sales involving microbial agents prior to the effective date of this Act shall apply for a permit or license within six (6) months following the date of public announcement issued by Responsible Agency at the central government level.

Permits or licenses that are not renewed within the time period specified in Section 1 of this Article shall expire [at the end of the aforementioned time period].

### Article 52

The provisions of this Act shall not apply to environmental agents specifically exempted via public announcement by the Responsible Agency at the central government level.

### Article 53

The Responsible Agency(ies) may collect review fees, inspection fees, and license fees for the review, inspection and issuance of permits/licenses pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

The standards for assessment of fees mentioned in the preceding Section shall be promulgated by the Responsible Agency at the central government level in consultation with other relevant agencies.

### Article 54

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<sup>7</sup> Translators' note: the Chinese text, in each section of this Article, does not indicate the nature of the public announcements issued by the Responsible Agency at the central government level.

If national standards for environmental pesticide inspection methods exist, these should be followed; if no national standards for environmental pesticide inspection methods exist, such standards should be promulgated by the Responsible Agency at the central government level, via public announcement.

**Article 55**

The Implementation Rules for this Act shall be promulgated by the Responsible Agency at the central government level.

**Article 56**

This Act shall come into force upon the date of enactment.