TERMS RELATING TO PESTICIDES AND TOXIC CHEMICALS

Pesticide any substance which by itself, or in combination with other

substances, is proposed, represented, or used for destroying or controlling pests but does not include any antiseptic,

disinfectant, drug or preservative.

Pest any insect, bird, rodent, fish, mollusc, nematode, fungus,

weed, alga, micro-organism or virus, and any other kind of plant or animal life that is injurious, troublesome, or undesirable to any crop, stored produce, food, feed, wood, clothes, textiles or other fabrics, and any other inanimate objects, or which are objectionable from the point of view of public health or hygiene, and includes any ectoparasites of

man, and ectoparasites and endoparasites of animals.

Antiseptic any substance or mixture of substances sold or represented

principally for its germicidal or anti-microbial use on the skin of

man or animal.

Carcinogen any controlled product that is known to cause or is suspected of

causing cancer.

Disinfectant any substance or mixture of substances sold or represented

principally for its germicidal or antimicrobial action on inanimate

objects.

Extermination the use of a pesticide for the destruction or control of pests in any

land or premises or in a vehicle, whether on land or any other

place.

Toxic Chemical any disinfectant and any other substance known to be poisonous,

corrosive, irritating, sensitizing or harmful to man or animal that is used in agriculture, the arts, commerce or industry, or for any other domestic or other purpose but does not include an

antiseptic, drug, pesticide or preservative.

Active Ingredient any substance which, included in a pesticide, is claimed to act on a

pest.

Toxic Pesticides those which, if they are inhaled or taken internally, or if they

penetrate the skin, may lead to serious acute and chronic health

risks and even death.

Harmful Pesticides those which, if they are inhaled or taken internally or if they

penetrate the skin, may involve limited health risks.

Irritant Pesticides non-corrosive pesticides which through contact with the skin or

mucous membrane, can cause inflammation.

Corrosive Pesticides those which may destroy living tissues when in contact with them

or attack inorganic materials.

Explosive Pesticides those pure liquid or solid pesticides or their preparation which are

themselves capable by chemical reaction initiated by flames, shock or friction, of producing gas at such a temperature and pressure

and at such a speed as to cause damage to surroundings.

Physical Form in relation to a pesticide means the form of the pesticide such as

emulsifiable concentrate, wettable powder, granule or any other

form.

EMA Environmental Management Authority

US EPA United States Environmental Protection Agency

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Chemicals Act

the legal authority that regulates the importation, storage,

manufacture, sale, use and transportation of pesticides and toxic chemicals and to provide for the establishment of the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Board and for matters incidental

thereto.