

## MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Chemistry/Food & Drugs Division
Pesticides & Toxic Chemicals Control Board

## THE PESTICIDES AND TOXIC CHEMICALS INSPECTORATE

The Inspectorate ensures that the provisions of the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Act, No. 42 of 1979 (Amended – Act No. 11 of 1986 and No 2 of 2004) and its Regulations – Pesticides (Registration and Import Licensing) Regulations of 1987, are carried out.

The Act gives the legal framework for the operations of the Inspectorate. The duties of the Inspectorate with regards to the Regulations are as follows:-

- (i) Ensures that all premises involved in the sale, storage, packaging, manufacture and importation of pesticides are licensed to do so.
- (ii) All products (Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals) imported/manufactured for sale and use in Trinidad and Tobago are registered by the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Board.
- (iii) Examination of Customs and Excise Documents (C 82 & Invoices), relating to the importation of Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals.
- (iv) Label Examinations.
- (v) Sampling of Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals at the ports of entry, warehouses, manufacturers, agriculture shops and on the local market.
- (vi) Investigates complaints involving the use and abuse of Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals.
- (vii) Conducts enforcement actions such as seizures, criminal prosecution and civil administrative action.
- (viii) Advising prospective proprietors in the setting up of pesticides and toxic chemicals facilities and also the importation of pesticides and toxic chemicals.
- (ix) Advising members of the public on health and safety aspects and use of pesticides and toxic chemicals.

An Inspector may for the purpose of exercising any of his power under this Act:-

## Enter at any reasonable time -

- (a) any vehicle (i) in which an extermination is about to be, is being or has been carried out;
  - in which a controlled product is about to be, is being or has been transported;
  - (iii) in which he has reasonable cause to believe a breach of the Act or the Regulation is about to be, is being or has been committed.
- (b) any land or premises (i) where a controlled product is being or has been used, manufactured, sold, packaged or stored;
  - (ii) whose purpose is connected to the use, manufacture, sale, packaging or storage of a controlled product;
  - (iii) where provisions of the Regulations specifically apply.

Applications for Licensing of Premises must be made to the Registrar, Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals on the respective application form. The application fee is \$400.00 payable at the Warden's Office or District Revenue Office, under the financial heading 3/6/HE 1-005 (Licensing of Premises). The licensing period is from July 1st 2006 to June 30th 2007.