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DA-BAFS ADVISORY
No. 2024-02-002

TO : THE GENERAL PUBLIC

SUBJECT : PUBLIC ADVISORY ON UNCERTIFIED AND UNREGISTERED SOIL AMENDMENT PRODUCT CLAIMING TO BE ORGANIC

The DA-BAFS warns the public that the product, **Primo Plant Booster** shown in Figure 1, distributed by **Pacific Agro Chemicals** is **NOT CERTIFIED** by any of the **DA-BAFS-accredited Organic Certifying Bodies (OCB) NOR REGISTERED** with the **DA-BAFS**. Please be aware that as of January 29, 2024, there is no such product registered with the DA-BAFS. Thus, the product is **NOT AUTHORIZED to be labeled and sold "ORGANIC"**.



Figure 1. Uncertified and unregistered Primo Plant Booster

Further, the **Certificate of Product Registration (CPR)** for this product, as shown in **Figure 2**, is **not the official regulatory document issued by the DA-BAFS**.

As this soil amendment product is not certified and registered with the DA-BAFS-accredited OCB and DA-BAFS, respectively, the organic integrity and efficacy of the product cannot be assured by DA-BAFS. The use of this soil amendment product may affect the integrity of organic farms and pose health risks to consumers. The product's ingredients may contain potential contaminants and health hazards like heavy metals and microbiological pathogens.



Figure 2. Unofficial Regulatory Document or FAKE CPR

We strongly advise the public not to purchase this uncertified and unregistered soil amendment product. Likewise, always check if a product is certified by a DA-BAFS-accredited OCB and registered with the DA-BAFS by visiting the following links and codes:

Registered Organic Soil Amendment Products

<https://bit.ly/49wMKu0>



Registered Organic Soil Amendment Producers

<https://bit.ly/48c8M3Y>



All concerned establishments and online marketing platforms are advised not to distribute uncertified and unregistered products claiming to be organic until they have fully complied with the rules and regulations of the DA-BAFS.

All DA Regional Field Offices, in coordination with law enforcement agencies and Local Government Units, are requested to ensure that uncertified and unregistered products claiming to be organic are not sold, made available, or labeled as organic in the market or areas under their jurisdiction.

To report any sale, distribution, complaint and/or adverse event on the use of the uncertified and unregistered products claiming to be organic, you may reach us at (02) 8928 – 8741 to 64 local 3304 or email at register.bafs@gmail.com.

Dissemination of this advisory to all concerned is hereby requested.


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