

CIRCULAR

Sub :- Agriculture Department- Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) Reforms –
Notification regarding procedural change - Online licensing of Fertilizers
&Pesticides - Issued - Reg

Ref :- Lr .No 895/8 of the Managing Director, KSIDC dated 12.08.2020

Government of Kerala has implemented several reforms such as procedural changes, policy reforms and online systems with an aim to simplify the procedures and create a business- friendly environment for doing business in the State.

The reforms in Department of Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare fall under three major categories:-

1. Implementation of Online System for issue of fertilizer and pesticide licence without any physical touch points and online fee payment facility.
2. Publishing of Information on Standard Operating Procedures(SOP), Check list and Right to Services and delivery of services for making the information available to the public in the Department website.
3. Issue of requisite Department circular regarding the Procedural changes

Kerala Government has now developed an online clearance mechanism for EoDB in the State. The Kerala Single Window Interface for Fast and Transparent Clearance (K SWIFT) brings together concerned departments for expediting approvals within the time limits since 2019. K SWIFT is an integrated platform for entrepreneurs to apply for all requisite clearances to start business without any procedural delays in getting statutory clearances from various authorities concerned throughout the life cycle of the project.

Vide ref cited, Agriculture Department was directed to develop online services

for

(i) Grant of License under Insecticide Act, 1968 and

(ii) Licenses/Authorizations required for sale/storage of fertilizers under Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Accordingly the Kerala State Centre of National Informatics Centre has developed the online licensing system in K SWIFT as per the SOP and Check list of the Department. Training about how to use the new online system to create Block level Master trainers has been completed in two sessions from 19/10/2020 to 20/10/2020. The Principal Agricultural Officers shall ensure that all the Fertilizer/ Insecticide Inspectors in the Block are trained to use the new system before 15/11/2010.

The Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare Department hereby notify the procedural change regarding replacement of the existing offline system with the online system for issue of license. The changeover to the online system will take effect from 20/11/2020.

The time period specified for issue of license is given below

Sl.No.	Particulars	No. of days
		45
1.	Fertilizer Manufacture	30
2.	Fertilizer wholesale business	30
3.	Fertilizer retail business	45
4.	Insecticide Manufacture	45
5.	Insecticide wholesale business	45
6.	Insecticide retail business	45
7.	Pest control operations	

If the application received online is not verified and processed by the authority concerned within the specified time period the system will automatically give deemed approval and issue deemed license. The act of issuing deemed license will be viewed as negligence on the part of the officer and therefore shall be regarded as a cause for disciplinary action.

The Principal Agricultural Officers and DD (E & T) shall take personal attention to issue license before 20/11/2020 to all applicants who have submitted proper applications offline.

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