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Sub:- Agriculture Department- Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) Reforms Notification regarding procedural change - Renewal of Pest Control Operators (PCO) Licence through Online- Reg

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The Government of Kerala has introduced the Kerala Single Window Interface for Fast and Transparent Clearance (K-SWIFT) to enhance the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB). K-SWIFT is a comprehensive platform that allows entrepreneurs to apply for all necessary clearances to establish their businesses, ensuring a smooth process without procedural delays in obtaining statutory approvals from relevant authorities throughout the project's lifecycle. Approvals will only be granted to applications that are free of defects and contain sufficient information.

As part of the EoDB initiative, the Department of Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare has already adopted an online system for granting new licenses for pesticides, fertilizers, and pest control operators.

The Kerala State Centre of National Informatics Centre has informed that an online system for renewal of Pest Control Operators (PCO) Licence has been updated in K SWIFT portal.

The Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare Department hereby notify the procedural change regarding replacement of the existing offline system with the online system for renewal of Pest Control Operators (PCO) licence. The changeover to the online system will take effect from 01/02/2025. The time period specified for issue of licence is 45 days

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 licence. The act of issuing deemed licence 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 licence before 01/02/2025 to all applicants who have submitted proper applications offline.

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