

"Dear fellow Members, Members' family & friends"



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Event: Pest Summit Convention & Exhibition
Date: 12-14 October, 2010
Place: Westin Resort Nusa Dua - Bali Island, Indonesia

Greetings! This summit is the 4th series following the successful Pest Summits in Langkawi, Malaysia ('03), Singapore ('06), Bangkok, Thailand ('08).

Enhancing the Quality of Life through Sustainable Pest Management

4 reasons why you should attend the Bali Pest Summit:-

1. To increase your know-how from the Pest Industry Experts,
2. To see or exhibit the latest products, equipment and technology related to the Industry,
3. To widen your business networking,
4. To enjoy the most beautiful island in the world. Your family & friends deserve a break too!

PCAM will endeavor to source for sponsorship from our Associate Members and other suppliers for the following reasons:-

- PCAM will house all the Malaysian delegates into Hotel Inna Putri near Westin Hotel.
- Provide transport to and from Westin Hotel for our Malaysian delegates.
- Subsidies for the first 100 Malaysian delegates provided they stay in Hotel Inna Putri
- Provide one mini Gala Dinner at Hotel Inna Putri on 12 Oct.2010.

Please fill up "the PCAM Inna Putri Hotel booking form for Malaysian Delegates", an insertion in this newsletter to enjoy the benefits mentioned.

Also, please fill up the Pest Summit Bali brochure sent to you earlier and return direct to the Pest Summit 2010 Secretariat, Jakarta, Indonesia with the remittances before 30 May, 2010 for early bird price of USD300. Tick the category "Overseas Member" and bracket it "**Malaysian Delegate**".

We encourage members to support the above event and look forward to seeing you, your family and friends there! Our Target for Malaysian delegates is 150 paxs!!!! Cheers. Bon voyage to Bali 12-14 October, 2010

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Editor's note

MPSJ did not honour the Court judgement on the Pest Consortium May, 2006

Surprise, surprise, surprise!!!!. In spite of the court judgement on the MPSJ case recently, which mentioned that there shall be no more deposits and license fees imposed by MPSJ, MPSJ turned around and instructed Pest Control Operators (PCOs) companies who wish to register with MPSJ that they have to pay the following fees.

1. License Pekhidmatan	RM360 setahun
2. License Cagaran	RM360
3. License Patil	RM10
Total	RM730

Quote: PCAM President : Ang Tan Loong (ATL)

Since MPSJ have quoted this particular By Laws for Licensing of trades, businesses and industries-2007, PCAM have to highlight that MPSJ had misinterpreted the clauses as many are Members of the Pest Control Association of Malaysia and operating outside of MPSJ, PCAM are certain many members do not fall under such jurisdiction. Kindly allow us to quote your By-Law under:

- 1) Part I: Citation: Section 1(2): These By-Laws shall apply to the area administered by The Subang Jaya Municipal Council and
- 2) Part II Licence: Section 3: **"No person shall operate any activity of trade, business and industry or use any place or premise in the local area of the Council for any activity of trade, business and industry without a license issued by the Licensing Authority"** is primarily in its totality merely a premise/trading License and your office does not have the authority to impose on other businesses, trade or industries outside your local area as vividly defined.
- 3) In any event if we were to comply with your By-Laws via payment of RM.730.00 will imply we have to submit to all the 48 sections under this particular By-Law and permit you to have power to close our businesses (section 43) power to arrest (section 44), prosecution (section 45), compound offenses (section 46), penalty (sect. 47) etc. etc.
- 4) Just to cite an example of The Local Government 1976 Section 110 states: **Power to enter premises:** Any officer of a local authority duly authorized in writing may at all reasonable times, **enter any premises within the local authority area** for the purpose of exercising any power of inspection, enquiry or **execution of works which is given to a local authority.** Given the benefit of a doubt, are you not acting ultra vires your authority by imposing such powers over our company where our legal premise is located without your local area.
- 5) We hereby maintained our stance that our company is under the purview of the Pesticide Act 1974-Pest Control Operators Rules 2004 and we have the required mandatory licenses issued by the Pesticides Board and one of the prerequisites is the premise/trading License issued by the respective local councils. In no uncertain terms did the above Federal Act stipulates us to procure further licenses from individual local authorities. **Unquote**

It appears that our struggle is not over yet and PCAM needs to make a decision whether to continue to pursue the matter consistently or wait for PCOs to challenge the authority on their own. It's time the PCOs who are not members must take a stand to join the Association. *PCAM as an impersonal entity is a platform to monitor and check unjust rules & regulations, or guidelines set by the local authorities and Government agencies etc. pertaining to Pest Control & fumigation. (Ref: PestLink 21 – Feb.'09 Coverpage by ATL)*

This PCAM Platform is a BENEFIT for all PCOs & not just for the members only!

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En. Mohd Anuar bin Ahmad - PCAM Vice-President:

Communications



Dear PCAM member,

As we have known, Pest Control Association of Malaysia (PCAM) was formed in 1994. Being the only national association for the pest control industry, PCAM is the official communication link between the pest control operator (PCOs) and the national or state legislators and regulatory bodies and the public at large. PCAM was formed with a list of objectives and purposes as outlined in its M&A. However I'd like to share some of its benefits with some examples that I have observed through the years of its establishment.

In order for PCAM to achieve one of its objective that is to promote interests and the general welfare in the pest control industry; PCAM has sometime to be fierced to protect its member. This has been demonstrated in many events, for an example in the case of MPSJ in which PCAM has performed to its upmost effort to protect the interest of members and communities at large in Subang Jaya.

PCAM is also known for its concern in promoting betterment of the safety and health of the public. As we all realized in order to achieve the above, there is no other way than to establish and maintain high standards of safety competence, knowledge and performance of the member in which PCAM has demonstrated its strong support in this area by promoting and conducting many training programs. These trainings shall increase knowledge about pest control and further to that will help members to prepare themselves for attending examination and licensing conducted by the regulatory bodies. With this, we can ensure that we can eventually reach to a certain level of standard and maintain or entice it further in years to come.

Here I would like to list all of the objectives and purposes of the association for us to read and remember as following;

- To promote the interests and the general welfare in the pest control industry.
- To conduct and promote scientific, technical and business research and application.
- To promote a broader understanding and acceptance of the pest control industry towards the betterment of the health, comfort, safety and convenience of the public and industries.
- To encourage, establish ethical methods of competition.
- To cooperate with the Federal, State and Local Government authorities for the good of the community and the pest control operators.
- To cooperate with scientific and educational institutions in matters of interest of the pest control industry.
- To disseminate by all appropriate means, accurate knowledge and information with respect to the pest control industry to general public.
- To promote a closer and friendlier relationship among those engaged in the industry.

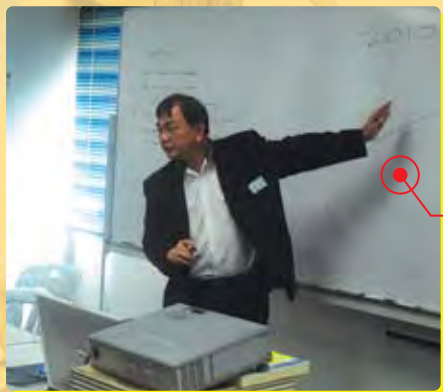
Pestlink is one way of PCAM member to interact. I would welcome constructive input and comments from member or maybe a request of what you would like to see in Pestlink in its next release.

Thank you.

Mohd Anuar Ahmad

Training Course on Pest Control Industry In Malaysia 15, April 2010

9 UKM Master Degree Students Attend ½ day PCAM Training Course



VP-Project, Mr Johnny Ooi spoke on
"Pest Control Industry in Malaysia."



Mr. Alex Chow
from Okamizu International
spoke on Ozone generation,
Food & Air Detoxifier.



President, Mr Ang Tan Loong
presenting PCAM Certificates.



PCAM Library materials on display.



3 UKM Ladies Students.



6 UKM Men Students.



ISPM-15 by En. Mohd Anuar Ahmad, Licensed Fumigator

The interim commission on phytosanitary measures (ICPM) has approved the "Regulation of wood packaging Material" in international trade for International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures number 15 (ISPM 15) on 15th March 2002. This regulation was revised on April 2009. This approval was brought about after the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) made a conclusion that the worldwide movement of wood packaging material (WPM) made of unprocessed raw wood is a pathway for the introduction and spread of varieties of pests. Following that, a guideline for regulating WPM was established in line with the ISPM 15: "Regulation of wood packaging materials in international trade".

Malaysia has become one of the countries that adopt ISPM 15 (<https://www.ippc.int/index.PXP?id=nppoMYS>). In Malaysia, the Department of Agriculture (DOA) is acting as the National Plant Protection (NPPO) which is responsible for ISPM 15 implementation. The relevant parties that are involved with the implementation & operation are pest control service providers who apply fumigation or heat treatment as the mechanism to control pests in pre-shipment or post-shipment.

Any pest control operator (PCO) interested in Methyl Bromide Fumigation or Heat Treatment which has to do with ISPM 15 shall make an official request to DOA. When the company has complied with all the requirements, DOA shall send a team of auditors to audit the company. The accreditation shall verify the company's conformance to the practice of Methyl Bromide or Heat Treatment procedures; inclusive of conformance to site practice, equipment, documentation and sufficient, competent, and licensed personnel.

Upon conformation, the company shall be awarded a registration marking ISPM 15 to practice. In practicing ISPM 15 at present, a PCO has to request ISPM marking number from the nearest DOA Quarantine office to the site prior to treatment. The standard requisition process lead time set by the Quarantine office is two (2) days. According to valid sources, there were several incidents of dispute among PCO and shipping agent due to delays in shipment because of mishandling ISPM requisition number which caused the delay of approval for treatment.

After a very thorough study, DOA recently has announced an improved process to be implemented in lieu with marking number requisition process. Hence, a meeting was conducted between DOA and all service providers. The meeting that was held in DOA office in Serdang on the 7th April 2010 was officiated by Pn Wan Normah Wan Ismail, Director of Crop Protection & Plant Quarantine of DOA.

According to her, it has been a long period since the last meeting with all service providers was held in 2005. She hopes more meetings will be held to bring in more ideas for the improvement to implement ISPM-15. In this meeting DOA has announced that service providers have to regulate their own marking number. This implementation shall be put into practice effective by 1st May 2010.

The new implementation is explained in great details by En. Ridzuan. He has presented the method via slides presentation titled "improvement of marking number control for Malaysia Fumigation Accreditation Scheme". In his presentation, he said each PCO shall be given 200 marking numbers as a start. Details of procedures were given in handouts distributed to everyone present. He also commented that there are treatment providers who failed to comply to fumigation best practices. DOA has received several notifications from member IPPC especially due to missing marking number at the WPM. He hopes that these service providers improve on their performances.

During the questions and answers session, En Mohd Yusof, who chaired the meeting, had emphasized that when DOA decided that service providers are to regulate their own marking number, this means that DOA has put a higher trust on the service providers. Our president, Mr Ang Tan Loong, in his speech has expressed his gratitude to DOA for the trust in the service providers. In his closing speech, he has called for all PCOs to value the trust given to them and to uphold the high integrity expected of them. In the end, En Mokhtarudin wishes to see all PCOs involved in ISPM-15 implementation to put the country's interest above their own interests. This is because the country's economy may be jeopardized if the agricultural sector is badly infected with pests coming from outside Malaysia if the service providers failed to perform correct treatment on the imported goods. On the other hand, our country's reputation will be tarnished when we receive too many complaints due to exporting WPM with pest infestation.

