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REGULATORY DIRECTIVE ON THE BAN ON ATRAZINE AS HERBICIDE

1.0. Purpose:

- 1.1. Regulatory Directive on Atrazine stipulates the ban on the manufacture, importation, exportation, distribution, advertisement, sale and use of Atrazine as herbicide.
- 1.2. Atrazine, a hazardous chemical, is a pre-and post-emergence herbicide used in controlling annual grasses and broad-leaf weeds in crops such as maize, sorghum and sugarcane.
- 1.3. Research shows that Atrazine has a highly toxic effect on humans, crops and the environment. It is also reported to have a negative effect on reproductive system, endocrine destruction and cancer in humans and it also has the potential for skin sensitization.

2.0. Scope:

- 2.1. This is a Regulatory Directive to all stakeholders banning the manufacture, importation, exportation, distribution, advertisement, sale and use of Atrazine as herbicide.

3.0. Directive Details:

- 3.1. NAFDAC will no longer allow the importation, manufacture, distribution, sale, or use of bulk or retail pack size of any agrochemical with Atrazine starting from 1st January 2025.

Approved By:

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