



AAK- TOWARDS RESPONSIBLE PESTICIDE USE IN KENYA

Agrochemicals Association of Kenya is the umbrella organization for manufacturers, importers, formulators, repackers, distributors and users of pest control products in Kenya. The organization has been in existence for over 60 years

with the objective of ensuring that pest control products are used in a manner that maximizes benefits to users and minimizes risk to users and the environment. Over the past 6 decades, a lot of investment has gone into research and development of

150 STUDIES

More than 150 safety studies – designed and validated by regulatory authorities – are conducted on each potential crop protection product before its approval for commercial use. The studies are designed to evaluate all circumstances of human and environmental exposure

more environmentally safe pesticides which have lower application rates and are more effective. The ever-increasing range of the disposal of users, is testament of our commitment to sustainable agriculture.

Pesticides are one of the most regulated products globally and the same is true in Kenya. AAK is committed to ensuring that the highest quality pest control products are availed to end users by complying with the stringent safety and labelling requirements prescribed by the Pest Control Products Act. We go a step further to provide information to end users on how

100 TIMES LOWER

Generally a product is considered safe for use when the likely exposure is at least 100 times lower than the dose that causes no adverse effects in the studies



to handle and apply the pesticides through our various outreach programmes which have over the years reached over 2 million farmers.

In order to enhance food safety, AAK is working closely with development partners to set up a network of Spray Service providers (SSP's), whose primary role is to apply pesticides for farmers in a professional manner. The advantage of using SSP's is that the principals of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) are being cascaded to farmers through the incorporation of scouting and monitoring for enhanced pest and disease identification. If determined to be necessary or when no other option is available, the correct dosage rate of pest control products is applied using properly maintained and calibrated equipment by the SSP's who are equipped with the requisite protective clothing. Pre-Harvest Intervals can also be closely monitored before harvesting and sale of fresh fruits and vegetables.