

Agrochemicals Association of Kenya (AAK)

**ACCREDITATION TRAINING FOR INDUSTRY PLAYERS
KICKS OFF.**



Reduction of counterfeit pest control products along the supply chain is one of the main activities earmarked for implementation by the Agrochemicals Association of Kenya in 2017. This is to be achieved in part by the accreditation scheme which targets representatives of member companies, the distributors/wholesalers of pest control products and stockists.

The accreditation scheme gives training on the international code of conduct on pesticide management



The AAK C.E.O makes a presentation during the Arysta accreditation training

among the industry players with special emphasis on distribution and trade within the Kenyan context. To this end, AAK embarked on the training of staff from its member companies. The member companies who have undergone the this training are: Arysta LifeScience Limited and Bayer East Africa Limited, BASF, Biomedica Laboratories Ltd, Nordox AS (K) Ltd, Juanco SPS Ltd, Kenya Farmers Association (KFA), Cooper K Brands, Dow Agrosciences, Amiran Kenya Ltd, Fedo Agencies and Chemraw EA Ltd. Kindly book your space with the Secretariat for this training.

The trainees were introduced to the 2 levels of accreditation which are:

1. **Accreditation for member company staff**- these are technically apt staff at different ranks in the member organization. They are issued with accreditation cards which are to be produced as identification during all business transactions related to the distribution of pesticides. The accreditation cards are meant to inspire confidence in the purchaser by letting them know they are dealing with recognized and approved personnel.
2. **Accreditation for distributors and retailers of pest control products**- The training targets distributors and retailers of pest control products whereby staff from the outlets are trained on the code of conduct and issued with accreditation window stickers for their premises. The stickers are to be used by consumers to identify accredited retailers from whom they can purchase quality products.



Staff from B.E.A.L. during the training

Accreditation cards for member company staff are valid for 3 years and are valid only as long as they are working for the company that sponsored them for the accreditation training. In the event of change of employment, the holder can seek reaccreditation from AAK under the new employer.

The forum was also used to create awareness on the activities of AAK, its organization structure and the services it offers to its members.

