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# OUR NEW BRAND

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# Message from the Chairperson

The last 3 years have been significant to agriculture in Kenya owing to the myriad of challenges that have faced the sector, stretching it to the limits yet remaining steadfast and resilient. The country has experienced the worst drought in 4 decades, but farmers have remained focused in doing what they know best - working in their fields. However, because of the over-dependence of rain it meant that the overall level in the use of farm inputs was lower than anticipated. This was further complicated by the skyrocketing of prices of farm inputs due to the various political and economic reasons that shaped the world in that period. The situation is not yet over and through several interventions by the government and other stakeholders we believe that the situation will soon change.

Being in the core of agriculture in Kenya, the crop protection and animal health industries were also affected by these challenges. However, through the efforts by members in serving the agriculture sector, the industry remained stable despite reduction in the overall use of the products. We believe this year 2023 will see the industry recover and be able to serve farmers even better. My call is for the industry to move with time and offer technologies that will give value to the farmers especially in alleviating the challenges that are brought about by the effects of climate change.

The industry is still under threat by certain quarter of civil societies in advancing a negative narrative on pest control products, a war that started in 2019 and which has brought about petitions in parliament and the judiciary. The latest battle front is now a case that has been filed in the high court seeking prayers to withdraw/ban several products from the market. We are working closely with the government and other stakeholders to ensure that the due process is followed before any product is withdrawn from the market as this has a potential risk of interfering with the food security of the country. We shall keep you posted on this matter.

At the same time and in the effort to position the industry as a positive contributor to the development and wellbeing of the country, we finally rebranded the association. We sincerely thank the team that spearheaded these efforts for the last 2 years and we are looking forward for having an association that will take us to the future with this valuable brand identity. AAK is now repositioning herself within the industry, broadening its appeal and getting ready to



Patrick Amuyunzu - Chairperson AAK/CLK

expand to a new space. This milestone is expected to help increase relevance and value while driving growth to members and stakeholders - Embracing the new AAK's philosophy of "Better farming, Better food, Better health" will be the first step towards our success.

In the meantime, the sustainability of the association is still a major objective being pursued by the Board and one of the avenues that have been identified is for the association to have her own office space. To this end, members did elect Trustees in the Annual General Meeting of last year and their first assignment will be to work towards getting our own office space. The association is currently over-dependent on the levy and subscriptions, and this is a risk.

On information and stewardship front, we held the first industry pesticide safety awareness week in Meru County in June of 2022 with the theme "Safer Food, Better Health". We intend to make this a yearly function as it is an important forum where farmers, government, industry and stakeholders converge to learn more about responsible use and the importance of crop protection solutions.

Finally, I would like to thank and appreciate our partners and collaborators for the continued technical and financial support that has continuously added value to our members and country at large through the various programs that we have executed.

I also would like to thank the Board and the secretariat for working together in the fulfillment of our mandate in stewardship of pest control products and for the welfare of the association.

# Message from the Chief Executive Officer

The past 3 years have been termed as building back better and sure 2022 demonstrated our true resilience in coping with challenges. Amidst the unprecedented COVID-19 global pandemic that created very challenging conditions across the global shipping and maritime industry, these coupled with inflation, soaring exchange rates, drought and increased negative voices on our industry, exacerbated the situation. According to the 20th edition of economic update (KEU), the agriculture sector contracted by 1.5% in the first half. According to PCPB there was an increased import activity during FY 2021/2022 compared to FY 2020/2021. The period July to September of both years recorded the highest trading guarter of the year in anticipation of the main season.

Due to the above scenarios, our business plans were put to test. However with the support of various stakeholder's, partners and the AAK team, we managed to deliver the expectations for the year 2022. CropLife Kenya, CropLife Africa Middle East, and CropLife International launched the Sustainable Pesticide Management Framework (SPMF) in Kenya to drive sustainable pesticide management. The SPMF is a long-term, industry-led commitment to an integrated program of regulatory, infrastructure, and stewardship best practices that can deliver a more sustainable crop management system. This innovative forward-looking, approach will provide farmers access to safe-use knowledge, sustainable practices, and new technologies that optimize crop production while also mitigating and adapting to the effects of climate change.

Through the SPMF the industry managed the 2022 safety week, which was one of the first industry safety week to be conducted in Kenya, which focused on promotion of risk assessment and food safety that culminated into releasing of the results of the food safety surveillance.

regulatory front 2022 On the saw the promulgation of the Solid Waste Management Act. The Act comes to reinforce our Empty Pesticides Container initiatives that we have been doing over the years since 2014. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regulations that operationalize the above act are under review . Our members and stakeholders are expected to Producer Responsibility be part of the Organization (PRO) and AAK is working closely with Kenya Association of Manufacturers, Ministry Environment, National Environmental of Management Authority (NEMA) to deliver the Kenya hazardous Waste Producer organization (KEHAPRO) not for the sector but all the sectors under this classification in 2023.



Eric Kimunguyi - Chief Executive Officer, AAK/CLK

Other significant developments that occurred were the push for the review of the Pest Control Products (PCP) Act which passed through public participation and is expected to be submitted to parliament after review at the Ministry of Agriculture and Attorney General's office.

As an industry, we are committed and SPMF provides an excellent opportunity to broaden areas of stewardship that promote next frontier stewardship which reduces exposure such as Spray Service Providers, Personal Protective Clothing, drone technology and Risk Assessment Models.

Strategic alliance with renowned partners has been fundamental to our success and we are always looking for opportunities to grow our international presence, diversify our business portfolio and increase our foot print . Staying true to this work with CropLife International (CLI) and CropLife Africa Middle East (CLAME) was one of the key enablers for the successes of 2022. Other partners include USAID, CABI, National Potato Council of Kenya, Cereal Growers Association, Fresh Produce Exporters Association of Kenya, Kenya Flower Council, Fresh Produce Consortium of Kenya, Avocado Society of Kenya, Seed Trade Association of Kenya, Kenya Private Sector Alliance, Gatsby Africa, the counties through the Council of Governors among others. Greater things have been achieved and much is still expected, too much uncertainty. However, with our sharpened strategy, new brand promise and partnerships we are confident that we will be able to handle any challenge in the future.

The association extends its sincere gratitude to the Ministries, County Government, Regulatory bodies, AAK Board, AAK Subcommittees, AAK members and all the stakeholder who made this possible

# Product Stewardship

AAK's core business and mandate of promoting responsible use of different products for the well-being of users and the environment

# Regulatory, Policy and Standards

Development and enforcement of the industry's standards and best practices regulatory frameworks

# Institutional Development

To grow and develop AAK into a dynamic, effective and sustainable development actor AAK'S STRATEGIC AREAS OF FOCUS

# Partnership Building

Focus on enabling strategic engagements and collaborations within the industry and with other relevant actors

# AAK brief and organizat

AAK is the umbrella organisation in Ke consultants, distributors farmers and Industry in Kenya and is therefore also falls under 3 categories namely: full, a

# Organization structure



# INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The overall objective of this pillar focuses on the internal well-being of the association and seeks to enhance the association's ability to successfully deliver on its mandate while ensuring the vibrancy and sustainability of the sector.

This pillar seeks to further strengthen the association's organisational dynamism, internal efficiencies and capacity, including broadening the association's resource streams.

# 1.1) AAK holds its physical Annual General Meeting (AGM)

On March 2022, the AAK/CropLife Kenya held its 63rd Annual General Meeting at the Serena Hotel- Nairobi. This was after holding virtual AGM's in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid 19 restrictions. This was later followed by a networking event which brought together members and stakeholders for a relaxed evening.

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The following are board members of the association - 2022/2023 as elected during the AGM.

- Patrick Amuyunzu Chair, AAK (Arysta Life Science Kenya Ltd)
- Mr. Wachira Mureithi Vice Chair (Ultravetis E.A. Ltd)
- Mr. Fredrick Otieno Treasurer (Syngenta E.A Ltd)
- 4. Mr. Manoj Shah (Osho Chemical Industries Ltd.)
- 5. Mr. Hezekiah Macharia (Twiga Chemical Industries Ltd)
- 6. Dr. Mwangi Gitonga (Lessos Veterinary Supplies Ltd)
- 7. Mr. Evans Mutuva (PEMAK)
- Mr. Laurent Perrier (Bayer E.A) (Served as a Board member until September, 2023)
- 9. Mr. Mwangi Muthee (Bio Medica)

**NB:** To this end, one of our Board members, Mr Laurent Perrier retired in the course of the year and this left a gap which requires an election for purposes of filling the vacant position.



From right to Left: Dr. Wachira Maina – Highchem Essentials, Dr. Ngugi Muchane – Ultravetis East Africa Ltd, Dr. Bimal Kantaria – Elgon Kenya Ltd, Mr. Richard Sikuku – Willowood Africa and elected in absencia was Mr. Junghae Wainaina – Juanco SPS Ltd.

For management purposes, of the association's investments, the association was able to elect its trustees for the year 2022/2023 during the AGM

The following were elected as the trustees of the association:

- 1. Dr. Bimal Kantaria Elgon Kenya Ltd
- 2. Dr. Wachira Maina Highchem Essentials
- Mr. Ngugi Muchane Ultravetis East Africa Ltd
- 4. Mr. Richard Sikuku Willowood Africa
- 5. Mr. Junghae Wainaina Juanco SPS

The association welcomes its elected trustees on board

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## The Industry Celebrates World Food Safety Day – 2022

On 7th June 2022, the agrochem industry joined the rest of the world in marking the World Food Safety Day; the theme was 'Safer food, better health'.

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Distribution of PPEs to farmers during Industry Food Safety Day



A section of the attendees of the Industry Food Safety Day

AAK has been at the forefront in creating awareness on the importance of producing safe food for Kenya's growing population. Food is considered safe when its free from microbial and chemical contaminants which can be introduced during production or post-harvest. Maximum Residue Levels (MRL's) are the maximum allowable levels of pesticides which can be found in food after application of pesticides. They are determined in a scientific way during development of products and are guided by the World Health Organization. Pesticides are usually degraded in the crop and very low levels of residues below the MRL are proven to pose no danger to human health.

As part of AAK awareness campaigns on responsible use of crop protection products, the Association in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, Bayer EA Ltd, Syngenta E.A Ltd, Corteva Agriscience, BASF EA Ltd, UPL/Arysta, CLK Africa Ltd, Kenagro Suppliers Ltd, Osho Chemical Industry, Agrichem Africa, Elgon Kenya Ltd, East African Business Company, Twiga Chemical Industries Ltd, Amiran Kenya Ltd, Cereal Growers Association (CGA), County Government of Meru and other partners commemorated industry Food Safety day.

The Safety Day was marked on 7th June 2022 at Kaguru ATC in Meru County. The theme of the campaign 'Safer food, better health' served as a platform where the industry was able to showcase the association's stewardship initiatives, demonstrating the industry's commitment to food safety systems.

The successful event was attended by Hon. Lawrence Angola Omuhaka, Chief Administrative Secretary (CAS) - Ministry of Agriculture, Meru County Governor -H.E Hon. Kiraitu Murungi, Meru County Commissioner, Pest Control Products Board (PCPB), representatives from the Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS), AAK members and over 2,000 farmers, among other stakeholders.

The industry comprising of AAK members and other stakeholders were able to highlight a set of specific actions the industry is taking in ensuring safer food through responsible pest management.

Our key food safety social media messages were tailored toward creating various awareness namely:

- Follow label instructions
- Observe Pre-Harvest Intervals (PHI)
- Use of Personal Protective Equipment
   (PPE)
- Dispose used containers safely
- Understand the health risks of contaminated food

# RECIPES FOR SAFER FOOD

7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2022 | KAGURU ATC, MERU SAFER FOOD, BETTER HEALTH

Please remember these simple steps for safer food and better health.

- i. Follow label instructions.
- ii. Observe pre-harvest intervals.
- iii. Use personal protective equipment.
- iv. Dispose used containers safely.
- v. Understand the risks of contaminated food.

Click here to download our industry pesticide safety week achievement report and a summary report on pesticide use survey.

# 1.3 ) Our New Brand Outlook

The need to re-evaluate AAK's brand identity, vision, mission, and value in respect to the changing environment was agreed upon during the CEO's meeting held on **02 July 2021** at Radisson Blu Hotel - Arboretum Park Lane.

AAK recognizes that the agrochem industry is first changing to accommodate new dynamics and demands of members. The new brand captures AAK's new positioning and philosophy of sustainable high-quality food production and health more appealingly and convincingly.



# BETTER FARMING BETTER FOOD BETTER HEALTH



The new brand identity improves on the existing one which focused on agrochemical products and members. It also recognizes the wholesome impacts of agrochemicals on human health and well-being, as well as the social and natural ecosystems. By replacing the Agrochemicals Association of Kenya with the abbreviation "AAK," the rebranding also captures the attention of the youthful members thereby improving its appeal and outlook to the majority of the Kenyan market, which is youthful.

The rebranding has been a collaborative initiative involving the AAK Secretariat, Board, members, and all stakeholders including the government, meaning that it has the buy-in of all the relevant stakeholders.

The launch of the new brand took place on 28 February 2023 at Nairobi – Serena Hotel.

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# Our Corporate Social Responsibility and Commitments

# 1.4.1 Advancing Our Corporate Social Commitment to the National Tree-cover Campaign

As part of our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Programme, AAK has taken the leading role in environmental protection and preservation through contributing towards a forestation in the country. So far, **the Association has committed to plant 100 acres in Likia, Mau Forest.** 

Planting trees is one of the most enjoyable and sustainable ways of positively replenishing the environment and AAK will always continue contributing towards this noble cause. During the year AAK participated in the following tree planting activities:

## (a) Serena Hotels Conservation Scheme



Tree planting session by AAK Board members during Board Induction and retreat in Mombasa at the Serena Hotel

From 2nd to 4th June 2022, AAK Board during its retreat held at the Serena Hotel in Mombasa took advantage of the Serena Hotels' conservation scheme and left its mark by planting a tree. The Serena Hotel's Conservation scheme encourages guests at the hotel to participate in tree planting.

# (b) The Forest Challenge

The AAK/CropLife Kenya staff, participated inthe forest challenge



themed 'Our Forest Our Future'. The Forest Challenge (FC) is an annual event organized by the East African Wild Life Society (EAWLS) in collaboration with Kenya Forest Service (KFS) and Kijabe Environment Volunteers (KENVO).

The challenge took place on 26th November 2022, at Kereita Aberdare Forest, in Kiambu County. The association participation was part of its commitment to environment conservation. To this end the association's contribution supported the **planting of 500 trees at the forest.** 

### (c) Mau Likia Forest

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So far, **the association has planted 56 acres of land with trees**, out of the targeted 100 acres in Mau, Likia Forest.

No matter whatever the circumstances AAK will always be happy to help fulfill the presidential directive of the realization of 2 billion national trees growing campaign.

You can help the association reach that target by contributing whenever called upon to do so.

1.4.2 Our corporate social commitment to support the underprivileged in society -the Heart-to-Heart Annual Fundraising Walk/Run 2022



The Karen Hospital Heart-to-Heart Foundation raises funds for heart surgeries for children from underprivileged backgrounds. Each year, the foundation seeks to raise more funds in order to help more children suffering from heart-related diseases.

During this year's Heart-to-Heart Run and Walk, the association was able to partner with Karen Hospital Heart Run Foundation to help raise funds for needy children suffering from heart-related ailments.

The Heart -to-Heart Run and Walk 2022 took place on the 18th June 2022 at Carnivore grounds. The Secretariat participated in this noble cause by joining in the 11KM walk and run.

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# Three pillars encompass systematic approach to responsible use of pesticides

SPMF activities are focused on three key pillars to achieve sustainable pesticide management. It helps countries to:

## 1. Reduce the reliance on Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs)

through accelerated access to innovation and an enabling environment that ensures, where HHPs cannot be replaced, a sustainable management plan established in collaboration with partners will ensure products are used safely through certified retailers, spray service providers, or other risk mitigation measures that can be monitored for effectiveness.

## 2. Make innovation available to farmers

by extending access to new and existing solutions, including modern technologies such as drones, through an enhanced regulatory framework that facilitates strategic decisions and by building the capacity of local regulators in science-based risk assessment.

## 3. Ensure the responsible and effective use of pesticides

by equipping farmers with information and best practices and taking measures for responsible distribution. In addition, the SPMF will focus on container management, anti-counterfeiting activities, and incident reporting, including supporting more and better poison centers across target regions.

A sustainable food system is grounded in climate-smart agriculture, nature-positive solutions, and productivity-enhancing practices. The ambitious goals set out under the SPMF will help address each of these three cornerstones in support of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, particularly 12.4, which aims to achieve environmentally sound management of chemicals throughout their life cycle. Successful implementation will require a coordinated effort, and the SPMF invites stakeholders to collaborate and partner as we work toward a transformational approach to pesticide management.

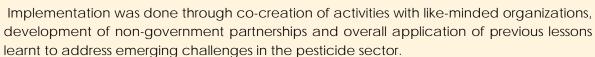
The initiative was adopted in Kenya in 2021 and it's in 2nd full year of implementation and here are some of the activities undertaken in 2022.

# 2.1) PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES

Under SPMF, the stewardships' objective is to mainstream activities in the public sector through close collaboration with the relevant Ministries. Mainstreaming means that we generate synergies with the public sector and achieve the desired outcomes, which are supported by resource allocation and friendly policies.

Stewardship activities cut across from awareness creation, waste management, poison information centre and resistance management. The anticipated medium-term results are enhanced compliance to Pesticides Code of Conduct, optimized crop production through effective pest control and reduction of potential harm to end users plus the environment.





Our Product Stewardship team strives to provide guidance on the responsible handling of pesticides from the manufacturing stage and along the supply chain, during application of the products and at the disposal stage.



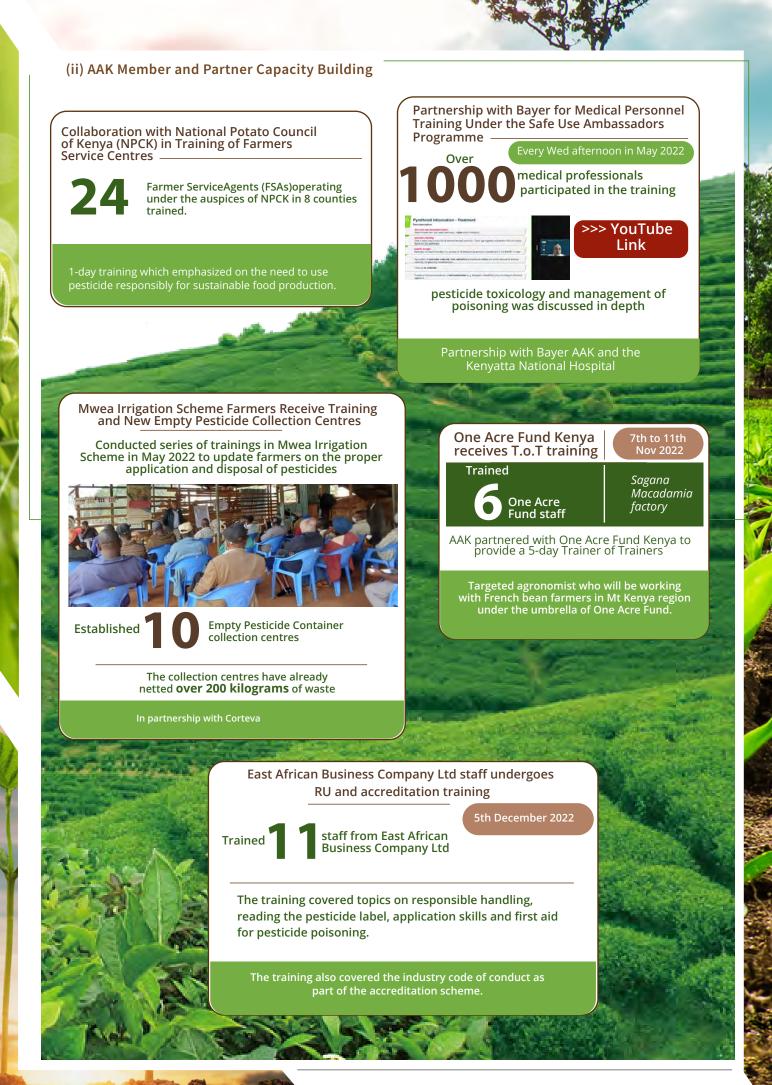
The following activities under responsible use of Pest Control Products were carried out in 2022:

# 2.1.1 Responsible use trainings

Training on responsible use of pesticides is a key objective of product stewardship at AAK. During the year, the association engaged with several of our stakeholders in dissemination of information on what needs to be accomplished for crop protection products to be used with minimal risk to human health and our environment.

The target audience for the trainings are farmers, agrodealers, AAK member company staff and stakeholders in the agricultural sector.





#### (iii) Waste Management and Extended Producer Responsibility



Ministry of Agriculture, CAS – Hon. Lawrence Angola flagging of EPC



Collection of EPC for proper disposal

The Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a new concept introduced in the Solid Waste Management Act which requires all manufacturers who introduce plastic packaging to the "market" are liable for its disposal or recycling so as to introduce a circular economy in waste management. This is to be achieved through the formation of Producer Responsibility Organizations (PRO) by the various waste streams as classified by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry.

#### (a) Formation of the Kenya Hazardous Waste Producer Responsibility Organization (KEHAPRO)

The Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) and AAK signed an MoU for the establishment of a KEHAPRO for the handling of hazardous waste. According to the guidelines, pesticide manufacturers are grouped together with manufacturers of agricultural film, industrial chemicals, oils and lubricants, pharmaceuticals, veterinary products, solvents. cosmetics, paints, and All these manufacturers are therefore required to form a joint KEHAPRO to enable them to achieve the objectives of the EPR regulations.

The process of KEHAPRO registration, membership recruitment and negotiation with aggregators and recyclers is ongoing.

We urge all concerned stakeholders to register with the initiative under the Kenya Hazardous Waste Producer Responsibility Organization. This shall enable compliance as per National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA) guidelines.



MOU Signing between KAM and AAK/CLK



EPC Collection Centre

AAK urges all end users of pesticides to ensure that their empty pesticide containers are triple rinsed before flattening and puncturing. This practice makes the containers safer to handle before destruction, and also prevents the reuse of the containers by counterfeiters out to fleece farmers. For assistance on disposal of either obsolete products or empty pesticide containers, please contact AAK on info@agrochem.co.ke or mobile numbers 0734447777 or 0710447777.

#### (b) Empty Pesticide and Obsolete Container Collection Centres

As we gear towards establishment of KEHAPRO, AAK continues with its interventions to ensure that farmers have a reliable partner in the disposal of Empty Pesticide Containers (EPCs) and obsolete products. As part of this obligation, we have so far cumulatively disposed of 17.1 tones of Empty Pesticide Containers through ECCL.

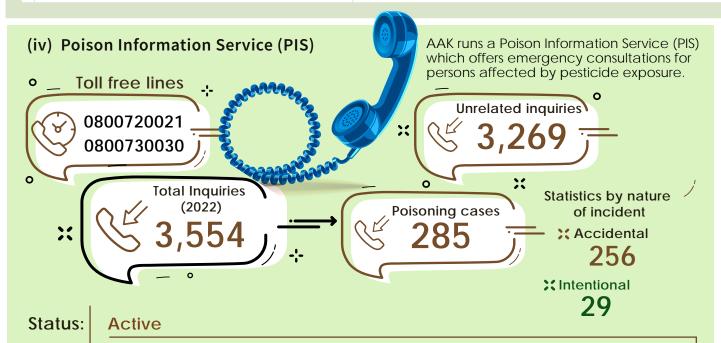
We encourage members to continue creating the crucial linkages with the end users for them to responsibly dispose their EPCs.





The larger part of the containers was from products used to combat locust invasion experienced in 2021 while the rest were recovered from collection centers in 6 counties.

Also, 21 newly opened collection centres were added to the 326 already existing. This was achieved in partnership with Nakuru County Government, Cereal Growers Association, Syngenta East Africa and Bayer East Africa Ltd.



- There was an intermittent 2 to 3 months downtime in 2022 as the equipment and communication systems were being upgraded to enable a call filter system for the many non-poison calls.
- Negotiations for extension of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Kenyatta National Referral Hospital are at an advanced stage.
- Support received from SPMF in upgrading equipment.

# 2.2) REGULATORY, POLICY AND STANDARD

#### (a) The Journey towards making Pest Control Products (PCP Bill) and Regulations

The strive to review the 40 years old PCP Act 346 will soon come to an end as the new PCP Bill, 2021 and regulations nears the approval stage. If passed by Parliament, it will replace the Pest Control Product (PCP) Act that has been in existence since 1982. The Act and regulations regulate the importation, exportation, manufacture, distribution, and use of products used for the control of pests and of the organic function of plants and animals and for connected purposes.

The Bill and regulations once approved and passed by Parliament will address emerging issues and recommendations raised in petition No. 70 of 2019.

#### On the other hand,

the new PCP regulations will remain the strongest in the continent subject to few reforms which will ensure:

- i. Domestication of regional and international treaties
- ii. Submission of samples for testing
- iii. Interpretation of certificate of registration for registration purposes
- iv. Guidelines on authorization of products for emerging issues
- v. Direction for export/import
- vi. Qualification of agro-dealers
- vii. Fees and charges for services offered
- viii. Disposal of Empty Pesticide Containers (EPCs)
- ix. Role of county governments in training farmers on the

The new regulations will not only continue to prevent the misuse of pesticides, but the new regulations are going much further, adopting the United Nation's Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), which presents hazardous properties in safety labels, safety data sheets and

Environmental

and human

health issues

The Bill is expected to address the

following:

Recognize local

manufacturing

among other

issues

Facilitate

trade

Stipulate the

functions,

mandate, and operations

of PCPB

through hazard classifications.

#### (b) The Policy Link Write Shop Workshop



Policy LINK, a USAID-funded Feed the Future Project, in its strive to implement "Strengthening Competitiveness in Regional Agricultural Trade", involved the agro-inputs industry in a dialogue to identify the main drivers of regional agricultural trade competitiveness and catalytic actions that have potential for building competitiveness. At a workshop in Nairobi attended by industry and regulatory agencies from EAC partner states and COMESA, the challenges affecting competitiveness of agro-inputs in the regions were outlined as follows:

- Regulations Challenges
- Data and Market information
- Distribution networks availability of pesticides, handling and misuse issue, extension systems, low uptake of pesticides, etc.
- Production capacities- address issue of limited production and great reliance on international markets

The solutions to the above were arrived at as: Policy and regulatory reform, technical capacity of regulators and industry associations, data centralization.

### (c) Status of active ingredients Review by PCPB

CropLife Africa Middle East in its support to ensure regulatory compliance is committed to support the review process of 25% of the active ingredients, which translated to four (4) active ingredients and associated formulations.

To date, 4 (four) active ingredients (a.i) and associated formulation have been evaluated and report presented to PCPB Board. The report findings was subjected to the public participations and the industry is now awaiting feedback report from the regulator.





### PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS BOARD

# PROPOSED REGULATORY REVIEW DECISION OF MOLECULES AND THEIR ASSOCIATED END-USE PRODUCTS

Pest Control Products Board (PCPB) is established under the Pest Control Products Act Cap 346 laws of Kenya to regulate all matters of pest control products. Regulation 11(2b) of The Pest Control Products (Registration) regulations empowers the board to review the registration status of a product based on available new scientific information that renders the Pest Control Product unsafe or dangerous. Pursuant to the above regulation and the Parliamentary Departmental Committee on Health, Petition No. 70 of 2019 in which the committee directed for the review among other directives,, the board initiated the process of review and the following four Active Ingredients and their associated end use products have undergone preliminary review; Chlorothalonil, Diuron, Pymetrozine and Thiacloprid. PCPB is requesting the public for comments within 30 days from the date of this notice. The summary preliminary review reports can be obtained from PCPB website: www.pcpb.go.ke



An advert by PCPB calling for comments on the findings of the reviewed products



#### (d) Enhanced engagement with stakeholders

AAK was invited for a stakeholder training which was conducted by the World Trade Organization (WTO) experts from Geneva. The training centered on key provisions of WTO Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) and Technical Barrier to Trade (TBT) agreements with key government agencies and the private sector. Subsequently the industry together with KEBS who is the national enquiry points for TBT and KEPHIS, the national enquiry points for SPS successfully compiled responses to the EU notifications to WTO with Specific Trade Concerns (STC) as follows:

- i. New EU Notifications on setting of MRLs based on environmental factors
- ii. Specific Trade Concern (STC) on Mancozeb and other active substances of Pest Control Products
- iii. Draft commission implementing regulation withdrawing the approval of the active substance alpha-cypermethrin in accordance with regulation (EC) no. 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products in the market and amending commission implementing regulation (EU) no. 540/2011.



Growers meeting for validation of Kenya's response to EU Notifications & Specific Trade Concern, held at EKA hotel – 31 August 2022

The responses were submitted to WTO in Geneva upon validation by Kenyan growers, Kenya National Notification Authority, the Ministry of Trade through Kenya mission in Geneva.

## (e) Anti-Counterfeit Authority Recordation Regulations

As a way of controlling importation of counterfeit items or products to Kenya, the Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA), introduced a requirement that all owners of Intellectual Property Rights record/register an intellectual property right at the authority. This relates to goods to be imported into Kenya accompanied by the fee specified in the Second Schedule to the Regulations.

Though the regulations can be good for items with no regulatory authority or agency to control its importation, it is a case of double regulations for highly regulated products such as pest



control products, which are registered (and all details of each product are kept in a database) and are imported through import regulations.

The regulation was launched on 15th June 2022. The industry is however concerned with the practicability of rolling the implementation through the sector without affecting the availability and increasing the cost of the products through the double importation permits requirements and payments to two Regulatory Agencies. Engagements were held on 2nd August 2022 with Kenya Intellectual Property Rights Institute (KIPI), Pest Control Products Board (PCPB) and Anti counterfeits Authority (ACA) to monitor the industry on impending challenges to compliance to the regulations.

The association through engagement with ACA managed to win exemption in the first phase with agrochemical sector involvement in the recordation regulations being delayed. The ACA has however, commenced the recordation with others including cosmetics, footwear, electrical and electronics, apparel and alcohol and beverage.

# 2.3 ANTI-COUNTERFEIT ACTIVITIES

The aforementioned area deals with regular training and awareness creation through accreditation of the technical staff of the member companies, agro-dealers and continuous training of farmers and stockists, in collaboration with law enforcement.

#### (a) Creating awareness on counterfeit detection among the customs officers



AAK in partnership with the Kenya Revenue Authority, CropLife International/CropLife Africa Middle East, SGS, World Customs Organization, US department of Justice, Syngenta, Bayer and Corteva sought to create awareness on counterfeit detection among the customs officers. The officers are bestowed with the responsibility of preventing entry of illegal counterfeit products into the country. The customs agents drawn from across the country congregated in Mombasa from 30th March to 7th April 2022 for a 6-day training on how to detect counterfeits. The training was done in 2 parts namely; a 2-day theoretical session followed by a 4-day practical exercise at the port of Mombasa.

The training was an eye opener for the customs agents, and we hope the fight against counterfeits emanating from outside porous Kenya's borders shall be reduced significantly in the coming months.



AAK in collaboration with the Kenya National Federation (KENAFF) Farmers and Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA) organized an outreach programme of awareness through radio messaging and farmer field days in the counties of Trans-Nzoia and Uasin-Gishu. This was done to educate farmers on Counterfeit agricultural inputs/products during the long rains planting season. Through the partnership, over 490 farmers were reached with messages on avoidance of counterfeit inputs which are a threat to crop production in the country's food basket regions.

The events took place at Chebororwa ATC in Uasin Gishu and KALRO Kitale in March 2022 and was graced by, the Anti Counterfeit Authority,

#### (c) World Anti-Counterfeit Day celebrations

The Anti-Counterfeit Authority of Kenya marked this year's World Anti-counterfeit Day with a series of events held on 8th, 9th, and 15th June 2022. On 5th and 9th of June, an open exhibition and plenary meetings were held in Machakos. On the 15th of June, ACA launched the Recordation of Intellectual Property Regulations in Nairobi. Earlier in May, a sensitization webinar was organized for AAK members where 77 participants got to understand the recordation concept and its potential impact on business.

The Recordation Regulations (2021) aim to compel all importers of finished products to register the intellectual property rights of their products, either issued in the country of origin or in Kenya, at a fee. This is bound to cause an increase in the cost of business, in an already hostile business environment turbulent from climate change, increased power costs, fuel costs, taxes and inflation, to name but a few. The implementation has however been pushed to January 2023 and this offers an opportunity for engagement with the regulators on how best to cushion members from the yoke.

KENAFF, the respective County Commissioners, Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI), Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS), Seed Trade Association of Kenya (STAK), Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS), Western Seed Company, Kenya Seed Company, AAK members — Bayer Crop Science, Elgon Kenya among others.

The radio spots emphasized the avoidance of counterfeits by encouraging farmers to be vigilant and avoid counterfeits by knowing their suppliers, and to purchase their products from licensed and/or accredited agrodealers. Cheap is expensive in the long run and counterfeits and illegal products lead to unsafe food in the country.



# PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

#### (a) Membership Recruitment Drive

Membership is the lifeblood of any Business Membership Organization (BMO). The association's intention is to increase its membership base by attracting all companies paying levies and to retain their existing members. This will go a long way in ensuring the agrochem industry and the association achieves 100% self-regulation through adherence to the FAO and AAK Code of Conduct in terms of distribution and handling of pest control products. (This statement does not add value because AAK is known for this.

The association, on its day-to-day activities, continues to implement some of the strategies from the developed member's value proposition in order to broaden membership base and bring on board all the actors within the agrochem sector.

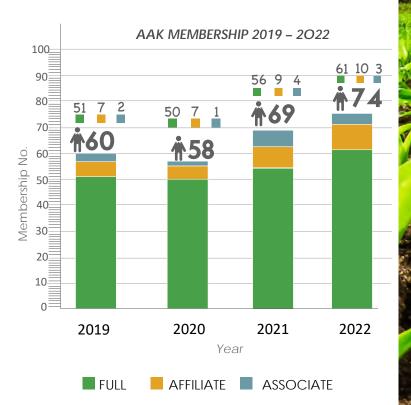
#### (b) Newly recruited Members - 2022

The association was able to receive new members who joined after successful interview with Partnership Development Committee and subsequent approval by the board.

Help us welcome the following new members to the association who joined during the year 2022. Mutuchem, Eurochem International, FarmCare

Solutions Ltd, Rainbow Agro Sciences Ltd, Farmfix, Africa Co. Ltd and Agriprice Centre Limited



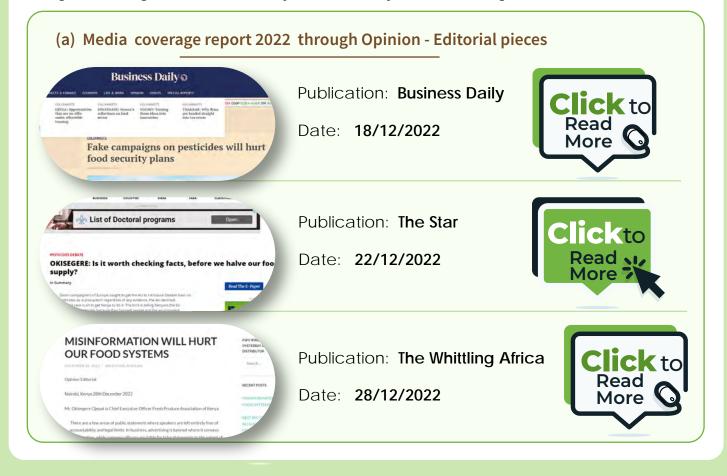


## ADVOCACY TO COUNTER THE SUSTAINED CAMPAIGN AGAINST PESTICIDES

The advocacy to counter activism against pest control products has been ongoing through the main and social media plat forms. The association continues to assure policy makers, famers, and general public on the safety of the pest control products and other necessary technologies used by famers. The association appreciates that working with various partners is central in accelerating reach and impact; therefore, the association has deepened its relations with governments, parliamentarians, peer associations, international actors, and other complementary actors.

Sustained outreach programs to the public on the safety of Pest Control Products (PCPs) and Responsible Use of Pest Control Products also continued throughout the year.

To get more insights into our advocacy activities, kindly see the following links:



## (b) Digitally Fit Awards - 2022

This is pursued in a collaborative approach with local and global partners including government bodies, farmer groups, and civil society to achieve a step change toward sustainable pesticide management.



Digitally Fit Certificate

The SPMF will go beyond standard farming training that provides farmers with access to agricultural practices and knowledge to help them respond to global challenges such as climate adaptation and mitigation and protecting biodiversity.



Digitally Fit Trophy Award

# APPENDI

# (a) 2022 SPMF Achi

# Pillar 1

Review of the Bill & respective regulations

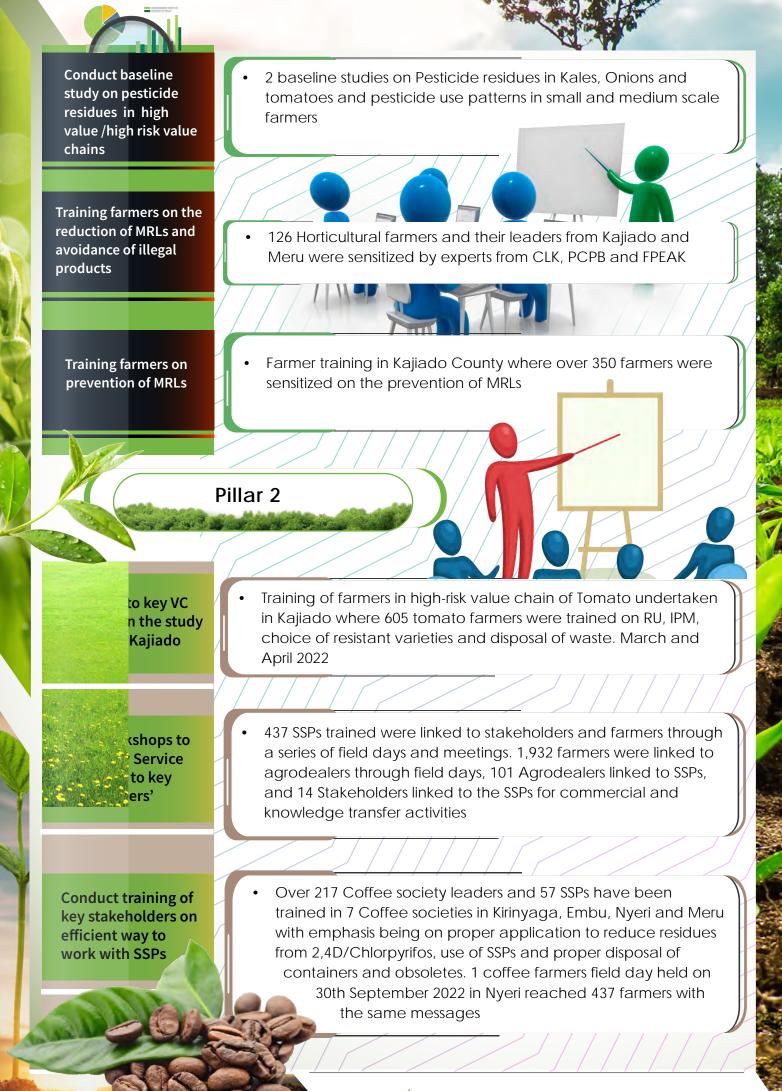
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- Action to be taken b secretary (PS) of the

Impact assessment of the review process and review of 25% of Active Ingredients

Countering illegal and counterfeit products

- PCPB currently finalizi ingredients and associ in May, 2022.
- PCPB have presented and the PCPB board the stakeholders.
- 51 Customs and gove profiling at a 7- day tr increased capacity fe counterfeits.
- Joint farmer outreach create awareness on pest control products rain season. 490 farme
- Over 100,000 reached
   in 2 vernacular radio
- Farmer training in Kajia sensitized on avoidan



	Pillar 3
Use of digital services to send IPM training messages to farmers	23 messages to 68,867 farmers sent in the 1st phase
Use of digital services to send IPM training messages to farmers	<ul> <li>24 messages on responsible handling, Counterfeit avoidance, PPE use, First Aid and proper application techniques were sent to 112,570 farmers</li> </ul>
Conduct 5 radio interviews to promote PPE use and adoption	<ul> <li>5 radio interviews conducted with KBC (1 national, 4 vernacular) in May and June 2022 covering the same content of responsible pesticide handling, Counterfeit avoidance, PPE use, First aid and proper application techniques</li> </ul>
Training and equipping of SSPs	<ul> <li>177 SSPs trained, equipped and deployed in the high risk value chains within Nakuru, Meru, Nyandarua, Homa Bay, Kisumu Counties in partnership with Dan Church AID, CABI, Vegpro Ltd, Nakuru County among others.</li> </ul>
Training and	<ul> <li>101 agrodealers trained and linked to SSPs in 6 Counties. These</li> </ul>
linking over 100 agrodealers with SSPs	linkages shall provide the SSPs with an operation base where they can solicit for customers as well as get mentoring on products and services by the agrodealer as well as member company staff who are making deliveries of products to the agrodealer.
Distribution of	Over 850 Sets of full PPE from member companies distributed to
over 850 PPEs	farmers during safety week so as to create awareness on the importance of using full PPE as opposed to bits and pieces of it.
Sensitization of over 3,000 farmers on responsible use (RU)	Over 3,000 farmers sensitized on RU at the safety week exhibition on 7th June 2022 which was attended by over 21 exhibitors with a direct link to food safety.
Commission of new empty container collection centers	<ul> <li>20 new collection centres opened in Meru and Migori. A further 17 centers opened in Nakuru and linked to SSPs for regular collection.</li> </ul>
	Awareness creation campaign for newly opened collection centers in partnership with WFP/CGA in Nov 2022

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### AGROCHEMICALS ASSOCIATION OF KENYA

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#### **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

	2022	2021
Income	Kshs	Kshs
Association income	60,514,125	60,606,506
Other income	12,835,906	4,449,345
Total income	73,350,031	65,055,851
Expenditure		
Product stewardship	26,190,629	22,912,398
Stewardship and partnership activities	17,076,969	8,751,370
Regulatory, policy and stewardship activities	2,292,009	1,069,968
Institutional development stewardship support	22,982,197	18,863,969
Anti-counterfeit stewardship activities	1,038,510	326,336
Risk and audit activities	490,200	511,887
Other associations	312,603	316,750
Total expenditure	70,383,117	52,752,677
Surplus before taxation	2,966,914	12,303,174
Tax charge	(1,341,743)	(1,096,942)
Surplus from operations	1,625,170	11,206,232
Designated project		
Grants received	45,580,354	45,402,836
Projects expenditure	(39,792,440)	(19,138,392)
	5,787,913	26,264,444
Surplus for the year	7,413,083	37,470,676

# (b) Expenditure and Income Statement

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#### **Statement of Financial Position**

	2022 Kshs	2021 Kshs
Non-current assets		
Property and equipment	7,193,503	9,184,215
Intangible assets	132,534	165,667
	7,326,039	9,349,882
Current assets		
Other receivables	2,219,139	2,551,248
Financial assets	55,976,679	50,780,397
Cash and cash equivalents	38,587,247	32,151,264
	96,783,065	85,482,909
Total assets	104,109,104	94,832,791
Reserves and liabilities		
Reserves		
General reserves	63,079,429	61,454,259
	63,079,429	61,454,259
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	6,092,293	4,372,019
Tax payable	777,682	634,728
Designated funds	34,159,699	28,371,785
	41,029,674	33,378,532
Total reserves and liabilities	104,109,104	94,832,791

# (c) Import Analysis (2016-2022)

- For import analysis data 2016-2022, please, go to your member log in section and login using members' login credentials as shown > > >
- Please note that this is a temporary password which members can change.
- For any questions, please get in touch with us.

# (d) AAK Membership List 2022

	COMPANY	ADDRESS	TELEP		
FULL	FULL MEMBERS				
	ADAMA AGRICULTURE				
1	EAST AFRICA	40034-00100			
2	AGRICHEM AFRICA LIMITED	49430 00100, NBI	07338 07226		
3	AGRISCOPE (AFRICA) LTD	39647-00623 NBI	25420		
-	AGRIPRICE CENTRE				
4	LIMITED	60794-00200 NBI	0702		
5	AGROSOLUTIONS LIMITED	53418-00200	020 2		
6	AMIRAN KENYA LTD	30327 ,00100, NBI	68248		
	ARYSTA LIFE SCIENCE		10		
7	KENYA LIMITED	30335-00100 NBI	0717-		
8	BIMEDA LTD	30620-00100 NBI	65376		
			44434		
9	BASF EAST AFRICA LTD	24271-00100	722-5		
10	BAYER E. A. LTD	30321, 00100-NBI	2		
			(+254		
11	BELL INDUSTRIES LTD.	18603,NBI	76456		
12	BIOMEDICA LABORATORIES	66627, 00800 NBI	20185		
12	BOTACHEM ENTERPRISES	00027,00000 1101	20103		
13	LTD	66934-00200	0722		
			0725		
14	CHEMRAW E.A. LTD	47358-00100 NB	23000		
			02042		
15	CKL Africa LTD	40596 00100, NBI	07222		
16	CROPTECH KENYA LTD	137-00618	0722		
	DERA CHEMICAL		0771-		
17	INDUSTRIES	45145 00100,NBI	02026		

	DDP AGROSCIENCES KENYA			
18	LTD	2170, 00606 NBI	0709142000;	AAK/380
10		2170,00000 NDI	0705142000,	
	EAST AFRICAN BUSINESS			
19	CO.	29024-00100, NBI	0202403391, 0736896266	AAK/389
20	ELGON KENYA LTD	46826, 00100, NBI	6534410/2399997/0722203089	AAK/232
	EUROCHEM			
	INTERNATIONAL LTD	6553-01000 THIKA	0722 931384	AAK/422
		0555-01000 THIRA	0722 551584	AAR/422
	EXPORT TRADING CO.			
21	INPUTS KENYA LTD	57661, 00200 NBI	254-2-2711007	AAK/382
	GREENLIFE CROP			
22	PROTECTION AFRICA LTD	24942, 00100 NBI	0722 563698	AAK/361
22	THOTECHOIL ATRICA LTD	24342, 00100 NBI	0722 505050	AARYSOI
23	FARMCARE SOLUTIONS LTD	79777,00200 NBI	0700 142937	AAK/419
24	FARMFIX AFRICA CO. LTD	378, 00521 NBI	067-2220206	AAK/417
25	FMC KENYA BRANCH	254559, 00100 NBI	254 205154243/41	AAK 403
			825461/825263; 0720837271; 020 -	
26	FEDO AGENCIES LTD	1977, 00200 NBI	2305464	AAK/307
20		1977, 00200 NBI	2303404	AAR/ 307
	HANGZHOU			
	AGROCHEMICAL			
27	INDUSTRIES	17121-0020100	718290745	AAK/399
	HIGHCHEM MARKETING			,
	LIMITED, ESSENTIALS		254 20 530774/783/557744; 0722-	
28	DIVISION	30467,00100 NBI	205174	AAK/327
	FLAMINGO HORTICULTURE			
29	LTD	1927,20117 NVS	254 50 20 20 859/ 21 167	AAK/266
29		1527,20117 1005	254 50 20 20 8557 21 107	AAR/200
30	IMPACT CHEMICALS	3977,00200 NBI	254 722 824 725; 254 733 585 334	AAK/397
	ISAGRO AGROSOLUTIONS			
31	KENYA LIMITED	2087-00606	0720 437 847	AAK/407
51		2007 00000	0720 437 047	
	JOJEMI AGRIVENTURES			
32	LIMITED	953-00600	0710-636403	AAK/411
33	JUANCO SPS LTD	20529, 00200, NBI	2088754-6 2048774; 0722 207805	AAK/273
34	JUBAILI AGROTEC LTD	980-00100 NBI	0748-813677	AAK/410
			051-2217134/2217228; : 0726 114 140 /	
35	KAPI LTD	252-20100 NKU	0737 127853	AAK/227
36	KENAGRO SUPPLIERS LTD	12775, 00400 NBI	0725-538297	AAK/391
	KOPPERT BIOLOGICAL			
37	SYSTEMS	41852, NBI	4453780,+254 731 202191,0723144690	AAK/362
57		T1002, NDI		MANY JUL
			0202073912/2073913/0722209474/0733	
38	LACHLAN (K) LTD	49470,00100 NBI	209474	AAK/312
20		10070 00400 NICI	242627	A A K /2 A 2
39	LAIBUTA CHEMICALS LTD	10979,00400 NBI	242637	AAK/342
	MBAKI AGRIC-INPUTS			
40	DISTRIBUTORS LTD	39389-00623 NBI	020 6551432;	AAK/414
	MURPHY CHEMICALS E.A.			,
4.1		2040E 00200 ND	0722570760 0722640060 0202047002	AAK/100
41	LTD	20495, 00200,NBI	0722570768, 0733610860, 0202017992	AAK/108
	MUTUCHEM ENTERPRISES			
42	LTD	11611, 00400 NBI	0705 824633	AAK/420
43	NORBROOK KENYA LTD	1287-00606 NBI	2019457/8, 0722 200804, 0734514160	AAK/336
-5		1207 00000 NDI	201343770, 0722 200004, 0734314100	/ w iiy 330
44		17608 00100 NPI	0771-146-664/6 0202399514	AAV/206
44	OAK MEDICA LTD	17698,00100 NBI		ААК/386
	OSHO CHEMICAL		(+254)0711045000, 0732167000, 020-	
45	INDUSTRIES LTD	49916, 00100,NBI	3912000	AAK/275
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10		40070 ND	021640	A A K / A D A
46	INDUSTRIES LTD	48870,NBI	821648	AAK/121
47	ORGANIX LTD	14494,00800-westl	720 937535 / 735 712090/0736190951	AAK/281
48	PESTGON LTD	1704-Kitale	054-30767, 0722644229,0734647666	AAK/367
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48	PESTGON LTD	1704-Kitale	054-30767, 0722644229,0734647666	AAK/367
49	PESTMATIC LIMITED	27588-00506 NBI	0737-451415	AAK/409
50	RAINBOW AGRO SCIENCES	1120, 00200 NBI	0722 440270; 0721 663808	AAK/416
51	RENTOKIL INITIAL KENYA LTD	44360, 00100,NBI	530228/552300;0703 055100	AAK/103
52	ROCKEM LIMITED	47090, 00100-NRB	343472	AAK/314
53	ROTAM SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA	8190,00100, NBI	3004848/2727068;0710 558745	AAK/345
54	SINERIA KENYA LTD	79777, 00200 NBI	720848255	AAK/357
			+254733622778 ; +254722205117; +254703018000 /+254703019000;	
55	SYNGENTA E. A. LTD	30393, 00100, NBI	2714827; 2714836	AAK/226
	TROPICAL FARM		20 2307420/2307421;	
56	MANAGEMENT	18131-00100 Nairobi	0733893906/0722674704	AAK/321
57	Twiga Chemical Industries	30172, 00100, NBI	020 3942000,3942300/3942000	ААК/102
58	Transglobal Distributors Ltd	38932-00623	0738-241871	AAK/408
59	ULTRAVETIS E.A. LTD	44096,00100-NBI	6537665/6-2358205;0722 207888	AAK/311
60	UNGA FARMCARE E.A	41788-00200	207603076	AAK/256
61	WILLOWOOD AFRICA LTD	25475, 00603 NBI	0722 736 146	AAK/376
AFFIL	IATE MEMBERS			
1	ELDORET PACKERS LTD	4058,ELD	053-61260/63005	AAK/319
2	HYGROTECH E.A. LTD	41446-00100 NBI	066-73286/73567/8/9	AAK/237
3	KENYA FARMERS ASSOCIATION LTD	35,NKU	051-2211615	AAK/318
4	LESSOS VET. SUPPLIES LTD	1080,ELD	053-2063051/0733610951; 0773878466	AAK/374
5	NEW DOWN TOWN LTD	61-10303 WANGURU	0721 624 689	AAK/375
6	PAKSONS ENTERPRISES LTD	174 KERICHO	052-30187	
6	PEST MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF KENYA	13809-00800 NBI	0710-447777; 0734-44777	AAK/401
7	FERTILIZER ASSOCIATION	44480-00100 NBI	020 4453701/2; 0733700831	AAK/404
	VETERINARY INPUTS			
8	SUPPLIERS ASSOCIATION OF KENYA	13809-00100	0710-447777;0734-447777	AAK/412
ASSO	CIATE MEMBERS			
1		1 47 01000 TUUKA	020 2141601	A A K /2 44
1	DELMONTE KENYA LTD KENYA AGRICULTURAL	147-01000 THIKA	020-2141601	AAK/241
	AND LIVESTOCK RESEARCH			
2	ORGANISATION	57811,00200 NBI	0722-206986; 0733-333223	ААК/402
	ENVIRONMENTAL & COMBUSTION			
3	CONSULTANTS		020 655 62 42/ 020 6551878	AAK/340





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