



The workshop on Dissemination of the Prakas on Imposing Usage of Sample Documents for Commercial Biological Control Agents (BCA)

Venue: Tonle Bassac Restaurant II , Phnom Penh Cambodia, Date: 21 December 2017

Agriculture is an important economic sector in Cambodia and plays a key role in the fight against poverty and hunger. However, its productivity is impeded due to the widespread misuse of chemical inputs which cause poor soil conditions, lead to high incidences of pesticide resistances and hamper access to international markets due to not compliance with Maximum Residue Levels (MRL) of importing countries. Still, Cambodia's products are competitive on the world market because they are acknowledged for having low chemical residues thanks to regions in the country where farmers rely mostly on the use of organic fertilizer and botanical pesticides. These organic agricultural cooperatives even catch premium prices for the organic quality. The promotion of Biocontrol Agents helps to reduce the use of chemicals and increase the number of farmers that can benefit from international market access especially the organic market.

Since 2011 GIZ ASEAN Sustainable Agrifood Systems (ASEAN-SAS) have been cooperating closely with delegates of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery (MAFF) from the Department of Agricultural Legislation (DAL) and General Directorate of Agriculture (GDA) as well with agricultural experts of all ASEAN Member States to develop the ASEAN Guideline on the Regulation, Use and Trade of Biocontrol Agents (BCA). The purpose of the guideline aims to create a regional blueprint for national regulation and implementation strategies, harmonization of registration requirements and ASEAN recommendation for national regulations and policies.

As the result, the Guideline was endorsed by the 36th MEETING OF THE ASEAN MINISTERS ON AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY (AMAF) on 23rd of September 2014 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

In addition, the project has been collaborating with The Cambodia HARVEST I program funded by USAID and the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), SNV, IDE and other development partners to introduce and strengthen the capacity of agricultural extensioners at GDA, DAL, NGOs and farmers on the effectiveness of biocontrol control agents. Since then, the demand for biocontrol agents for crop protection have been increased in Cambodia. However, the companies have experienced obstacles in the registration of such products and to make it available for the farmers.

By seeing these challenges, the Department of Agricultural Legislation (DAL) with assistance of GIZ ASEAN Sustainable Agrifood Systems project developed the Cambodian registration form of Biocontrol Agents which is aligned with the ASEAN Guideline on Regulation, Use and Trade of BCA. On 11 of September 2017, the Minister of of agriculture, forestry and fishery (MAFF) approved the the Prakas No.526 on Imposing Usage of Sample Documents for Commercial Biological Control Agents (BCA).

With this regards, The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) and the GIZ, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH, ASEAN Sustainable Agrifood Systems organize the workshop on dissemination of the registration form of biocontrol agents on 21 December 2017 at Tonle Bassac Restaurant II.

The main objectives of this event are to:

- Raise awareness on registration form as key element to make BCA official available in Cambodia
- Share and discuss the experiences, activities, and lessons learned by BCA application

Expected Participants are around 60 to be attended in the workshop:

Agricultural Cooperatives, Development Partner, NGOs, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery, Local and International BCA supplier.

Agenda:

Time	Program	Responsible
08:00 AM	Registration	GIZ
08:30 AM	Welcome Remark - Mr. Claudius Bredehoeft, National Project Coordinator Opening Remark - Mr. Phum Ra, Director of the department of agricultural Legislation (DAL)	
09:00 AM	Presentation the key content of registration form and registration application procedure and activities of MAFF to promote BCA	Mr. Phum Ra, Director of the department of agricultural legislation(DAL)
09:25 AM	Presentation the market demand for biocontrol agents regional/ Global	Dr. Thomas Jaekel, chief Technical adviser GIZ
09:50 AM	Coffee Break	
10:00AM	Sharing experiences, lesson learned and Recommendation with BCA application for crop protection by World Vegetable Center	Dr. Srinivasan Ramasamy, Lead Entomologist & Flagship Program Leader for Safe and Sustainable Value Chains
10:25 AM	Sharing Experience, Lessons learned and Recommendation from IPM Trial	<i>Dr. Seng Kim Hain, Project Coordinator of IDE Cambodia</i>
10:50 AM	Efficacy of BCA in managing rice pests and diseases	<i>Mr. Then Rathmuny, Assistant Scientist, IRRI Cambodia office</i>
11:15 AM	Question and Answer	ALL
11:55 AM	Wrap UP and Closing	GIZ
12:00 AM	Lunch	ALL

Note: the schedule can be flexible