

It's easy to say NO to counterfeit and illegal pesticides

Illegal pesticides pose risks to human health and the environment, can cause irreparable losses in crops, have a direct impact on farmers' economies and effect international food trade.



Know your Customer or your Supplier

CropLife Latin America recommends to farmers and distributors the implementation of controls and monitoring processes, so that they know their customers and make sure they comply with national regulations and are not doing business with the chain of illegality

The successful fight against counterfeiting and illegal trade in pesticides requires the cooperation of the authorities, supply chain, farmers, stakeholders and industry. Here are some of the recommendations of CropLife Latin America to strengthen the fight against this crime:



FARMERS

- Get to know your suppliers, verify that they act in legality.
- Demand the invoice with data and description of the seller and the products.
- Do not buy illegally or illegal products.
- Report illegal acts, without compromising your personal safety.



DISTRIBUTORS

- Identify and verify that your suppliers and your customers act in legality.
- Verify that the chemical products are labeled and accurately described in transportation documents.
- Do not buy illegally or illegal products.



REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

- Promote and spread the laws that punish illegal trade.
- Strengthen and update the regulatory frameworks.
- Implement oversight programs in the market.
- Facilitate citizen reporting mechanisms.



ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES

- Investigate, prosecute and detain criminals who traffic in illegal pesticides.
- Confiscate counterfeit, contraband and adulterated products.
- Learn to identify illegal agrochemicals.
- Obtain information about suspicious trade routes, money flows, etc.
- Cooperate with other local and international authorities.



MANUFACTURERS

- Implement illegal pesticide detection tools such as spectrometer scanners.
- Offer training to farmers, distributors and authorities to prevent illegal trade of pesticides.
- Support information platforms that facilitate reporting.
- Seek partnerships for the storage and proper disposal of seized illegal pesticides.