

BPI to Supervise AFAS-accredited Fumigators

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The Bureau of Plant and Industry (BPI) Office in Manila issued a memorandum to all AFAS-registered treatment providers about the mandatory supervision of all AFAS MB fumigation activities for the first 6 months of its registration.

The memorandum dated 27 May 2009 signed by BPI Director Joel Rodinas, CESO IV provided as follows:

As per BPI Quarantine Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 2008 re "Guidelines for the implementation of the Australian Fumigation Accreditation Scheme (AFAS) in the

Philippines," mandatory supervision will be done by AFAS Accredited Officers on all fumigations conducted by the registered treatment providers for the first 6 months from registration.

However, after the first 6 months, the registered treatment provider will be subjected to random monitoring only but is instructed to inform the Plant Quarantine Service of the schedule at least 48 hours before the conduct of any AFAS MB fumigations.

In Cebu, the only two (2) treatment companies that are AFAS-registered are: Mandaue Modern Pest Control and Colonie Pest Control. Both fumigation companies are bonafide members of Philexport Cebu.