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PRESS RELEASE

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The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) conducted a Marketplace Inspection in the month of October 2013 as one of AS-EPA's regular inspection to Wholesale Companies throughout the Territory. During this inspection AS-EPA Pesticide Branch Chief Faauga Laititi discovered a violation of unregistered pesticide products called "Fabuloso Antibacterial" in one of the Wholesales.

According to pesticides regulations if a label makes a "pesticide claim" such as "disinfectant, deodorizes" or "kills germs", then the product is considered a pesticide and must have an EPA Registration Number. USEPA Region 9 office in San Francisco, California confirmed that the "Fabuloso Antibacterial" product in question makes a "pesticides claim" on the label and thus considered as an unregistered pesticide. The said product is prohibited from being sold or distributed in the Territory. Under American Samoa Laws governing Pesticide Licensing and Sale, all pesticides used and sold in American Samoa must be registered by the EPA.

AS-EPA issued a "Stop Sale and Removal Order" to the wholesale company and has given a certain time period for the company to make necessary arrangements to have this specific product shipped out of the territory. It is important to know that not all Fabuloso products are in violation of this law. The only Fabuloso product that is covered under this "Stop Sale and Removal Order" is depicted below. AS-EPA continues to work with our local wholesalers to ensure that they are complying with both federal and local laws pertaining to pesticides. Retail stores that already have this particular product on display for sale may continue to sell the remaining product. After the remaining products have been sold, retail stores are prohibited from purchasing or selling this particular product.

AS-EPA will be conducting follow-up inspections of our Wholesale Companies to ensure that corrective actions have been taken to address the aforementioned violation. We would like to inform all Wholesale Companies to contact Faauga Laititi at AS-EPA at 633-2304 for more information on this matter.

Fabuloso "Antibacterial"

