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Promoting Voluntary Compliance

BARRIGADA, GUAM – In the first and second weeks of December, the Customs and Quarantine Agency (CQA) seized 240 pieces of Mosquito Coil and four (4) packages of Rodenticide. While it is not illegal to import either, the items are regulated by the United States and Guam Environmental Protection Agencies (U.S. EPA/Guam EPA).

Importers of pesticides or its devices must be registered with the U.S. EPA and packaging must bear regulated information in English on a label to include name, brand or trademark, ingredient statement, warning or caution statement, directions for use, weight or measure of content, EPA registration number and classification statement. All items, upon import, are required to have an airway bill or bill of lading, commercial invoice, and a Guam EPA Notice of Arrival (NOA) of Pesticide and Devices – signed by a Guam EPA official.

Without this NOA, the item(s) will be immediately refused entry and referred to Guam EPA for disposition.

In recent news, the Guam EPA issued four Notice of Violations for attempting to import pesticides and devices illegally.

The Customs and Quarantine Agency is the sole border authority responsible for enforcing thousands of mandates and regulations for over a dozen local and federal entities at all five of our island's ports of entry. With recent news involving the use of Agent Orange in Guam, it is important that we properly protect our community against imports that may be harmful to all our citizens. "I have every bit of confidence in our officers on the frontlines and their ability to protect us against threats of all kinds and I commend the Guam EPA for swiftly acting when notified by Customs of violations," James T. McDonald, Director of CQA.

CQA has been actively working to strengthen its regulatory enforcement powers at the border. By revising statute to support the collection of penalties and fees for attempts to illegally import regulated or prohibited items, we have a means to promote voluntary compliance and collect for noncompliance. "We expect to begin working with the legislative branch toward better equipping the Agency in this endeavor," McDonald.

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