Greetings

Q3 (July-Sept) promises to be a busy month as we have some interesting seminars lined up. MOM will be having a briefing to update our Industry on the Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Legislation, scheduled for 23 August 2012. Keep a look out for our Bed Bug Summit to be held on 14 September 2012. This Summit is jointly organised by the NEA & SPMA, and will feature International speakers who will present their latest research and findings (limited seats, seats will be based on first-come-first-served basis).

On a lighter note, congratulations to Team ‘PESTMAN 1’, for being the 2012 SPMA Futsal Champion!

We had a total of 23 teams participating this year and the turn out was really good as the players’ family, friends and colleagues were also there to cheer on the teams and to spend a day out in the glorious weather.

SPMA would like to thank all sponsors and members for your unwavering support, as well as the presence of family and friends in making this Futsal Competition a success.

Looking forward in seeing more of our members actively participating in all of SPMA’s events.

Cheers!

Sharanjeet Kaur – Editor
SPMA FUTSAL 2012 TOURNAMENT
held on the 8th July, 2012 (Sunday)
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RECENT UPDATES

MOM and NEA Requirements on S-Pass & Work Permit Applications

We received emails from our members informing us that they were unable to select the job description ‘pest exterminator’ for work pass when applying online. These concerns were brought up to MOM and NEA. MOM replied that there is a restriction that foreigners should only be employed in the occupation and industry sector specified in the work pass i.e. S Pass and work permit.

As the employment conditions are stipulated by MOM, it is difficult for NEA to issue the vector control related licences to individuals who hold work passes that states otherwise. Nevertheless, MOM has included the job description “Pest exterminator” for S Pass new/renewal applications.

On another note, NEA has taken note of SPMA’s feedback on the technical limitations of MOM’s e-submission system and in the meantime, NEA will continue to process applications based on the following criteria:
- Work permit: Mandatory for Job 1D to state “pest exterminator”
- S Pass holders: Preferable for Job 1D to state “service technician” OR job descriptions that is closest to the primary job role

Revised Guidelines For The Use Of Glue Traps

The Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) along with the National Environment Agency and the Singapore Pest Management Association (SPMA) have revised w.e.f. 9th May 2012 the guidelines for the use of glue traps to better ensure that non-target animals are not trapped.

Please ensure that the following guidelines are closely observed. Failure to do so may result in enforcement action against the company or staff for animal cruelty.

The revised guidelines for the use of glue traps are as follows:

1. Glue traps are to be used responsibly. Users should take the considerations at (2) into account when using glue traps.
2. Pest control personnel are required to implement the following:
   a. Glue traps should not be used in open areas where there is concern that a non-target animal might be trapped. If a glue trap is used in an open area, there must be good justification for its use and an appropriate cover must be used over the glue trap to prevent a non-target animal being trapped.
   b. The glue trap should not be larger than 35 cm by 25 cm in size, such as a plastic bag. Only still baits should be used.
   c. Once a glue trap is set, the pest control operator is to give specific written instructions to the client on how to remove an animal or alert the client if it is safe to remove the animal for humane disposal or release within 24 hours.
   d. Trapped rodents must be killed humanely and disposed of properly. An animal can be deemed to have been killed humanely if the method used is quick, efficient and as painless as possible, e.g. by a sharp and quick incision of the neck or be decapitated or by electrical or chemical means.
   e. Any non-target animal caught on the trap, such as pet cats or birds, must be released from the trap unharmed and has the glue removed from its body (with cloth or baby oil). For assistance or submission to AVA’s Centre for Animal Welfare & Control at 75 Pasir Panjang Road, Singapore 119587.
   f. All glue traps deployed must be retrieved and disposed of properly after pest control work has been completed.
Updates from the Inter-Agency Dengue Task Force

A big thank you to all IADTF members for their support in the past years for keeping dengue cases low. As we are now in the traditional dengue transmission months, we would like to give you an update of the current situation. As of the week ending E-week 25, 1,847 dengue cases were reported for the year. From January to May this year, the number of dengue cases reported in Singapore has seen a 12% drop compared to the same period last year. The number of dengue clusters has also decreased from 117 last year to 77 in the same period this year.

Dengue transmission has been kept under control for the first five months of the year through various intervention efforts by the National Environment Agency (NEA), with the support of the community, town councils and IADTF members.

However, with warmer days ahead, an increase in dengue transmission is expected. An increase in dengue cases is typical of the May to October period when the weather is warmer. The dengue virus multiplies faster in warmer temperatures due to a shorter virus incubation period in the mosquito, effectively increasing its infective capability. For the past few weeks, weekly incidences had surpassed 100 dengue cases per week. With the corresponding increase in temperature, cases are expected to increase further in the weeks ahead.

There are currently 11 active dengue clusters (dated on 04 July 2012), with 6 clusters having more than 5 cases (The cluster maps can be readily retrieved from www.dengue.gov.sg). As we are currently in the midst of the dengue transmission period, we would like to seek your support to impress upon your staff members and partners to step up their efforts to keep the mosquito population low. For more effective control, NEA’s strategy focused on source reduction, i.e. search and removal of actual and potential mosquito breeding habitats (removal of stagnant water) to prevent mosquito breeding, for eg repair of damaged drains, sealing up of keyholes of chamber/valve covers and lighting conductor pits etc. You are also urged to alert your cleansing contractor to step up their housekeeping and cleansing frequency to remove all discarded receptacles and ensure the drains are free flowing at all times. Please ensure all stagnant water is removed or properly treated, for eg gully traps.

You may wish to sign up for text message alerts on new dengue clusters in areas of concern via www.xdengue.com and check the list of locations where dengue is transmitting on www.dengue.gov.sg. Alternatively, you can gain access to information on dengue cases via myENV apps.

I look forward to your continued cooperation to help sustain a low incidence of dengue cases.

Thank you.
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