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Subject: **REMINDERS TO THE PUBLIC IN USING RODENTICIDE (RAT POISON) TO CONTROL RATS AND MICE DURING RAINY SEASON**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is reminding the public to be cautious in using rodenticides (rat poison) to control rats and mice especially during rainy season, where leptospirosis occurs most frequently when one gets in contact with water contaminated by the urine or feces of rats and mice carrying *Leptospira* bacteria.

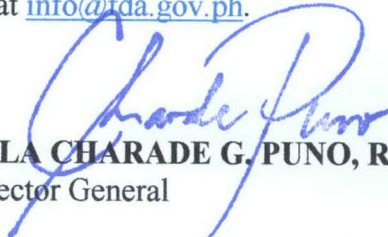
Rodenticides kill rats and mice by disrupting blood clotting mechanisms which lead to death due to blood loss. These are being marketed to consumers with ready-to-use bait stations that are labeled according to the extent of protection they provide to young children and pets. However, the use of these products has been associated with accidental exposures that pose higher risk to household members including pet animals.

Consumers are advised to observe the following **Do's** and **Don'ts** in using rodenticides to ensure that exposure to these potentially hazardous substances are reduced to safe levels:

1. Read the product label and follow instructions (see *attached infographic for easy reference*)
2. Always store pesticides away from the reach of children and pets, such as in a locked utility cabinet or garden shed.
3. Place baits only in locations where children and pets cannot access them.
4. Never store rodenticides next to food, including pet food.
5. Remove unused baits and dispose properly.
6. Eliminate food sources by maintaining counter surfaces, floors and cabinets clean to keep the pest away from your home.

Further, all consumers are advised to purchase only registered Household/Urban Pesticide (HUP) products distributed by FDA licensed manufacturer/trader/distributor and are encouraged to check the website (<https://ww2.fda.gov.ph/consumers-corner/registered-household-hazardous>) for the list of registered HUP products.

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