Counterfeit/ Fake Pesticides

Recognize the problem
Chemicals used by farmers are expensive to produce and so some people make copies of the chemicals that look similar so that farmers buy them and they make profit. The copied chemicals are wasting the farmers’ money as they may not be effective and are dangerous since they can contain more dangerous substances or different substances from the ones indicated on label.

Background
There are increasing quantities of fake chemicals being sold in the country. They are dangerous to the consumer, to farmers and to the environment. Farmers do not buy fake chemicals. If you are offered a fake chemical, report it to the nearest District Agricultural Office, or Commissioner Crop Protection, Ministry of Agriculture, Entebbe.

Management
- Chemical without the Ugandan Registration number (Ugc.../...) on the Label.
- Chemical without a label.
- Chemical with broken seal.
- Chemical that is expired.

When using a pesticide, always wear protective clothing and follow the instructions on the product label, such as dosage, timing of application, and pre-harvest interval.

The recommendations in this factsheet are relevant to: Uganda

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