ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OFFICE OF PEST MANAGEMENT **AGENCY GUIDANCE DOCUMENT** Applicator Registration	GD 13-02 POLICY NO. SIGNATURE DATE

1. BACKGROUND

Laws 2011, ch. 20, § 6 required the Director of the Arizona Department of Agriculture to appoint a nine member task force to study the regulation of structural pest management in Arizona, specifically as it related to the following four items: (1) a review of all laws and regulations governing structural pest management in this state, (2) a review of possible organizational configurations within ADA for structural pest management regulation, (3) a review of personnel and funding issues relating to the administration of structural pest management regulation within ADA and (4) statutory changes necessary to accomplish the future structural pest management program. The task force and its subcommittees met 18 times between August 2011 and October 2012. In November 2012, the task force's final recommendations for changing OPM's statutes and rules were submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House. These recommendations were adopted by the Legislature in substantial part and signed into law in 2013. *See* Laws 2013, ch. 125.

2. APPLICATOR REGISTRATION

Applicators must be certified and registered, unless exempt.

Certification requires the applicator to pass a category-specific examination.[1] An applicator may work for a business licensee or political subdivision for 90 days without certification.[2]

Registration, on the other hand, does not require an examination and has no 90-day exception. Applicators for a business licensee or political subdivision must be registered by that business licensee or political subdivision before doing any applications.[3] Applicator registration is valid from the date OPM receives all the information required under rule 207(B) and the registration fee.[4] The fee does not apply to political subdivisions.[5]

A business licensee faces a $150 penalty for each unregistered applicator working for the business.[6]

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[1] A.A.C. R4-29-203(C)
[2] A.A.C. R4-29-201(C)(2)
[3] A.A.C. R4-29-207(A); *see also* R4-29-201(C)(3),(D)
[4] A.A.C. R4-29-207(E)
[5] A.A.C. R4-29-207(C)
[6] A.A.C. R4-29-207(H)