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(No. 182)



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU

THIRD ASSEMBLY - (THIRD SESSION)

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 09, 2024 AT 10:30 AM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYERS

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petitions
5. Paper
6. Notices of Motion
7. Statement *(See Appendix)*
8. **MOTION: FORMALIN CHEMICALS.**

I beg to move the following Motion.

AWARE THAT, Formalin is a colourless liquid with a pungent odour. It is an aqueous solution that is 37% formaldehyde by weight. Inhibited solutions contain 6-12% methyl alcohol. Formalin is used as an industrial disinfectant as well as preservative in funeral homes and medical laboratories.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, Formalin is also used to preserve certain foods and products like antiseptics, medication and cosmetics. Longer exposure or high doses can cause coughing or choking. Severe exposure can cause death from throat swelling or from chemical burns to the lungs.

COGNIZANT THAT, Direct contact with the skin, eyes or gastrointestinal tract can cause serious burn, drinking as little as 30 ml or two table spoons can cause death.

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CONCERNED THAT, Formaldehyde or Formalin preserves or fixes tissue or cells. The process involves cross-linking of primary amino groups. The European Union has banned the use of formaldehyde as a biocide under the Biological Products Directive (98/8/ec due to its carcinogenic properties.

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT, Farmers in our County are misusing the same to replace pesticides and fertilizers through spraying, more in particular vegetables and fruits crops namely water melon, tomatoes and kales.

NOTING WITH CONCERN THAT, the butchers' or meat sellers has formed a habit of preserving their meat using formalin for preservation and for controlling insect such as houseflies.

THEREFORE, I URGE this Assembly to compel the County Government to;

1. Conduct trainings to farmers to create awareness on the use of Formalin.
2. Conduct periodic surveys in farms and butcheries to ascertain the products being used for farming and ensure no formalin is misused.
3. Impose a charge/ fine to farmers caught using formalin for farming or meat preservation.

(MCA SULEIMAN MOHAMED FARAH)

STATEMENT

STATEMENTS REQUESTED

1. Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(c) MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura will raise a statement to the Departmental Committee Chair on Health Services, Water and Environment regarding Mental health problems.

Denotes Orders of the day

ADJOURNMENT NOTICE

HONOURABLE MEMBERS, THERE BEING NO ANY OTHER BUSINESS, THIS HOUSE STANDS ADJOURNED UNTILL, WEDNESDAY, **9th OCTOBER, 2024 AT 2.30 PM (AFTERNOON)**