Counterfeit agricultural chemicals may be contributing to low crop yields in Ghana

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The influx of fake and adulterated agro-chemical products on the market is a big concern for agribusinesses, and there has been a call for the collective support of all stakeholders in the agro-chemical industry to overcome this menace.

The development where people continue selling fake products to farmers poses a big challenge particularly to industry players, despite ongoing effort to tackle it; such products flooding the market are part of the reasons for low yields being recorded by farmers across the country.

The use of such chemicals in farming not only affects the finances of farmers due to the low productivity, but also damages the soil's fertility. The irony of the situation is that some of these products are not imported but produced within the country for use.

The Managing Director of Regional Marketing Group (RMG) Ghana Ltd., an agricultural input and services provider, William Kotey made these remarks in an interview at the official launch of its operations in Ghana and opening of the Company's Kumasi office.

According to him, it will require regular engagement and education of farmers to enable them to distinguish between a fake and a genuine product when confronted with one.

He has therefore underscored the need for regulatory bodies like the Environmental Protection Agency to enforce the country's laws to stop people from bringing such products onto the markets.

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