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MINOR USE OVERVIEW & UPDATE



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Minor Use - Drivers

Minor uses are not the result of only one single factor

Economic return & 'Product' market share

Liability & Product stewardship

Legislation & Regulatory requirements

IPM and Resistance Management

Data availability / access

Resources and funding

Trade & market access

Emerging new crops / niche opportunities

*but rather a result of many interrelated factors
and*

effective resolution requires all factors to be addressed

Activities addressing the issues

- OECD Expert Group on Minor Uses
- Codex Electronic Working Group on Minor Uses and Specialty Crops
- Programs, other groups & activities



OECD Expert Group on Minor Uses

23 members (regulators, programs and industry)

Objectives:

- Develop mechanisms to enable work-sharing and smarter development of data relevant to minor uses
- Facilitate and ensure collaboration with other international groups

3 Key target areas:

- Cooperation considerations
- Technical considerations
- Policy considerations

OECD Expert Group on Minor Uses

Cooperation activities

1. Mechanisms (programs) utilised to solve gaps
2. Global Joint Reviews - benefits & opportunities
3. Data sharing - successes, opportunities and constraints
4. Communications with others (CODEX, EPPO etc.)

OECD Expert Group on Minor Uses

Technical activities

1. Efficacy & Crop Safety - survey requirements and examine pilot data exchanges/reviews
2. Residues - input to the OECD Residue Chemistry Expert Group
3. Monitor other activities - ie. EPPO Efficacy Extrapolations and Comparable Climates

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Policy activities

1. Regulatory incentives and Liability - survey and propose development of a Guidance document
2. Defining Minor Uses - guidance document released October 2009

Codex Electronic Working Group on Minor Uses and Specialty Crops

- Established following a recommendation from the 2007 Global Minor Use Summit
- Objectives:
 - Identify priority minor uses and specialty crops for MRL setting and to facilitate submissions to JMPR
 - Prepare proposals for definitions of minor use and specialty crops for use by CCPR and JMPR

Programs, other groups & activities

Related Codex activities:

- Revision of the *Codex Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds*
- Development of *Principles and Guidance for the Selection of Representative Commodities for the Extrapolation of MRLs to Commodity Groups*
- Pilot project for parallel JMPR review of a Global Joint Review compound

Programs, other groups & activities

- Minor Use Programs and funding for data generation / regulatory submissions
 - US IR-4 Project
 - Canadian Pest Management Centre
 - European countries varies
 - Australia primarily via RDC's
- European Parliament has requested the European Commission to develop a proposal for establishing a minor use fund



Programs, other groups & activities

- International Crop Grouping Consulting Committee (ICGCC)
- OECD Global Joint Reviews and Workshares - simultaneous assessment between regulators
- European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation (EPPO) - efficacy & crop safety extrapolations / comparable climates

Programs, other groups & activities

- 'Liaison' database of data availability on minor uses (Europe)
- Global Residue Study (IR-4 lead Project)
- Capacity building activities by USDA

To conclude

ALL PERSONS INVOLVED IN CROP PROTECTION MUST CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER, LEARN FROM EACH OTHER AND CONSIDER NEW APPROACHES IN ADDRESSING THE ISSUES THAT RESULT IN MINOR USES

IN DOING SO WE MUST ENSURE THAT THE SOLUTIONS WE FIND MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF CROP PROTECTION PRODUCTS AND ARE SUPPORTED BY SOUND SCIENCE AND CONTEMPORARY RISK ASSESSMENT