OECD Expert Group on Minor Uses

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Members:
- OECD Countries and European Commission
- Industry associations
- Other International Organisations: FAO, EPPO
- IR-4
EGMU Background

- October 2003 - RRSG Minor Use Seminar (Australia)
- November 2006 - Minor Use Survey report
EGMU has identified Three Key Target Areas

1. Cooperation considerations
2. Technical considerations
3. Policy considerations
Target Area 1 - Cooperation

Information “pooling” is the cornerstone to facilitating cooperation

- collaboration in data generation
- joint regulatory reviews
- identification of data for submission to international fora (ie. JMPR)
- data sharing via determining existing data already available
Examine minor use guidance documents in Residues, Efficacy and Crop Safety

- principles of data extrapolation
- the use of international data
- minimum data requirements
- guidelines and/or harmonisation procedures of recognising authorisations across member countries
Target Area 3 - Policy

Collate policy considerations to assist member countries implement and develop policy initiatives that enhance approvals of minor uses

- Minor Use Definitions
- Regulatory Incentives
- Liability
Conclusions

- EGMU demonstrates that there is an urgent need and willingness in seeking solutions for minor uses
- Broad range of issues
- Some activities already underway (fragmented)
- OECD in unique position to build upon current activities (ie. Residue Chemistry)
- Solutions will require commitment and long term effort