

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



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EGMU Background

- October 2003 - RRSB Minor Use Seminar (Australia)
- November 2006 - Minor Use Survey report
- June 2007 – Working Group on Pesticides approves establishment of Expert Group on Minor Uses



Key Target Areas

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



Target Area 2 - Technical

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

