The impact to Import/Export Business, Food Retailers, Manufacturers, Producers

Global Minor Use Summit

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Private Sector Role: Responding to Consumers

• Food Safety Crisis (Alar, BSE, Dioxin, E. coli, Salmonella, etc.).
• Retailers’/Manufacturers’ legal responsibility - regulatory shift to “enforced self regulation” and due diligence
• Governments “Name and Shame” policies
• Retailers are the direct link to the consumers in the Food Chain. Increasing retailer own Brands
• Consumers have high expectations about how food is produced
• Globalisation of retailing and production: Harmonising standards
What is GLOBALGAP?

- GLOBALGAP is a private sector body that sets voluntary standards for the certification of agricultural products around the globe.

- The GLOBALGAP standard is primarily designed to reassure consumers about how food is produced on the farm by minimising detrimental environmental impacts of farming operations, reducing the use of chemical inputs and ensuring a responsible approach to worker health and safety as well as animal welfare.

Consumer Focus on GLOBALGAP

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- Food Safety / HACCP based
- Environmental issues / ICM
- Social Standards / Worker Welfare
- Animal Welfare
Guiding Principles

- Open Access for producers anywhere
- Generic HACCP and GAPs provide technical basis
- Consistency of certification process
- Stakeholder Consultation / Participation / Communication
- Trusted Equivalence System – "GLOBALGAP Benchmarking"
- Commitment to continuous improvement

Retail Members
Global Standard

Countries with certification

The new Standard Structure 2007

- No more redundancies
- Same levels, and content of the CPCCs for the different scopes
- System open for the integration of new standards and modules
- Customisation of Audit-Checklists
Minor Use Issues

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GLOBALGAP Requirements for PPP

- GLOBALGAP standards include several **major control points** (CP) regarding the use of plant protection products (PPP).
- The standard requires farmers to produce under conditions that allow **legal endorsement**. It is a GLOBALGAP requirement that farmers can only use PPP that are registered in the country of production for the target crop where such official registration schemes exist (CP 8.2.2. version 2 – CP CB.8.1.2 version 3.0).
- It is also a requirement for farmers to observe the **legal pre-harvest intervals** when using PPP (CP 8.4.1. version 2 – CP CB.8.3.1 version 3).
The Minor Use Dilemma

- The **limited availability** of registered PPP often affects crops that have relatively minor economic importance in the country.

- Also some continuous harvesting crops and some crops grown under cover can have problems with compliance of **pre-harvest intervals** in certain moments of the season.

Impact on Producers

- It is the responsibility of the Certification Body (CB) to only issue certificates when the **certification requirements** are met.

- GLOBALGAP has requested all certification bodies to make sure producers are complying and to **immediately suspend** any certificate when requirements are not met.

- This does not mean that GLOBALGAP certificates can not be issued for minor crops, but the CB must be **confident** that the certification requirements are met by the producer (as for example could happen with organic producers).
The Way Forward

- Establish **national authorisation** of PPP for target crop(s)
- Use any form of extrapolation etc, as long as a **competent authority** signs responsibility
- Design jointly funded **PPP registration projects** to integrate necessary field trials into market supply-chains
- Use **interim solutions** with transparent non-certified supply chains that obey legal MRL import requirements

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Thank You for Your Attention!

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