



***GLOBAL JOINT REVIEWS:  
New Pesticide Active  
Ingredients***

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# OPP: Role in Engaging in International Registration Activities

- **Leadership**
  - Promote joint registration reviews and harmonization efforts internally and externally
- **Advocacy/Championship**
  - Identify opportunities for collaboration and cooperation
- **Foster Communication**
  - Promote dialogue between regulatory authorities
  - Promote dialogue with and among all stakeholders

# Opportunities to Engage and Promote Collaboration and Harmonization

- NAFTA
- OECD
- Joint Reviews
  - New Active Ingredients
  - New Use Expansions
- Codex: Joint Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR); CCPR (Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues)
- Bilateral Collaborations

# Specific Initiatives: NAFTA

- **Joint Review Program**
  - Minor uses program continues
- **Trade Irritant Initiative**
  - **Trade Irritant Data Base:**
    - Information source for users to identify potential trade barriers, trade irritants and resolution priority; designed to provide support for orderly and expedited consideration and removal of potential trade issues in the NAFTA region.

# Specific Initiatives: NAFTA MRL Data Base

- **The goal of this project is the development of a data base for use by NAFTA regulatory authorities to capture trade irritants.**
- **The data base will be used by regulatory authorities to determine efficient mechanisms, primarily through registration and registration review programs, to address the chemical/crop specific trade irritants.**

# **Specific Initiatives: OECD**

- Global joint reviews
- Expert Group on Minor Uses (EGMU)
- Residue Chemistry Expert Group (RCEG)

# Results— Completed and Current Global Reviews

- Pyrasulfatole: first trilateral joint review completed August 2007; Australia, Canada, U.S.
- Pyroxsulam: Australia Canada, U.S.
- Chlorantraniliprole: Australia, Canada, Ireland, United Kingdom, U.S.
- Spirotetramat: Canada, Austria, U.S.
- Thiencarbazono: Canada, United Kingdom, U.S.
- Saflufenacil: Australia, Canada, U.S.
- Fluopyram: Canada, Germany, United States

# Benefits of Global Reviews— Growers

- **Able to use to new, lower risk chemicals on exported commodities**
- **Countries adopt harmonized MRLs which minimize trade barriers**

# Future Global Joint Reviews

- **Planned Submissions: 2008-2010**
  - **10 Conventional Pesticides**
    - Minimally trilateral reviews
    - Some global submissions include global residue program
  - **4 Biologicals**
  - **1 Antimicrobial**

# Codex: JMPR/CCPR

- **Establishes MRLs for Use in International Trade**
- **JMPR (Joint Meeting on Pesticide Residues)**
  - Risk assessment work by FAO/WHO expert groups
  - Make recommendations to the CCPR
- **CCPR (Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues)**
  - Risk management work (most countries represented)
  - Make recommendations to the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) for establishment of Codex MRLs

# Codex: Issues and Progress

- **Issues**

- **Slow**
- **Abandoned by registrants**
- **Standards not accepted by many developed countries**

**Nevertheless**

- **Relied upon by developing countries**
- **Place to resolve international harmonization issues**

- **Progress**

# **Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)**

- CCPR Meeting in Hangzhou, China, April 2008
  - Continued support and use of accelerated MRL elaboration process: 261 pesticide/commodity MRLs based on consideration of 18 pesticides advanced to Step 8.
  - Revision of Codex Classification of Animal Food and Feeds (aka Crop Grouping)
  - CCPR Working Group on Minor Uses and Specialty Crops – chaired by US; co-chairs Australia and Kenya

# Codex: Harmonization

- **Work share projects have resulted in JMPR considering reviews done by national authorities on a routine basis**
- **Expect pilot of new process to allow Codex to recommend MRLs before or at the same time as national governments involved in global joint reviews**
- **Global joint review to develop JMPR monograph as an output**
- **Work on Crop Classification Revision**
  - **Goal is a single harmonized classification system**
  - **Promotes use of crop groupings and representative crops**

# Bilateral Initiatives

- **Japan:**
  - Sharing of reviews for chemicals with MRLs on Positive List
  - Global joint review partner
- **Brazil:**
  - Global joint review partner
- **China:**
  - ICAMA and Ministry of Agriculture Study Tour in US – September, October 2008.
  - Further cooperation efforts planned in 2008-2009
- **Taiwan:**
  - Sharing of reviews for MRLs under review

# Summary

- Significant increase in activity in global joint reviews for new active ingredients; “second entry” JRs for use expansions being considered.
- Initiatives among NAFTA countries directed toward systematically resolving trade irritants
- Minor Use initiatives
- Codex initiatives
- Increase in bilateral collaboration and cooperation