Coordination of Registration Review and Re-evaluation- Project ID # JR05-98-0909

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Goal / Objective

To work cooperatively to re-evaluate / re-register older pesticides utilizing each country's re-evaluation programs to the fullest to increase efficiency (including communication, schedule, work / information sharing)

Project Description / Procedure

PMRA and US EPA will work cooperatively in the next round of re-evaluation. They will map out recent and future re-registration and re-evaluation workplans, and wherever possible, identify work linkages and benefits for those linkages. The two agencies will identify some initial pilot candidates for work sharing and finalize a PMRA and EPA cross walk to establish other candidates for joint work over the next five years. The objective is to develop mechanisms for Canada / US harmonization of MRLs/tolerances for actives where re-evaluation is the appropriate tool, share or reduce workload, and implement NAFTA labels.

Further, the re-registration review / re-evaluation process may complement the mechanisms being identified to address the technology gap issue. Coordination of work between the NAFTA partners on transition strategies for older active ingredients will help to ensure a smooth transition to safer alternatives in the North American market.

Background / Rationale

The FQPA requires EPA to conduct a review of the registration every 15 years. Canada's new PCPA also requires a similar cyclical review of older pesticides. Traditionally, joint reviews and work sharing activities under the NAFTA TWG have tended to focus on newer pest control products. However, it is equally true that re-registration and re-evaluation would benefit from a similar approach. Further, the re-registration and re-evaluation of pesticides may result in changes in the uses and associated tolerances of these pesticides, and thus, have the potential to affect trade with NAFTA partners. As a result, it is important that the regulatory agencies work closely together to ensure that the best possible information is used in making decisions and that all groups are kept fully informed throughout the re-evaluation process.

This activity will build on the success of work initiated in 1998 to improve coordination of Re-registration (FQPA) and Re-evaluation. Achievements to date include the following:

- The EPA and the PMRA have harmonized several FQPA science policies (e.g., aggregate exposure assessment).
- Most PMRA re-evaluations build on EPA reviews (REDs), and most decisions are harmonized.
- The EPA participated on an expert panel convened by the PMRA for 2,4-D turf assessments.
- Ongoing regular teleconference calls to coordinate reviews and exchange information on progress and specific reviews.

Workplan

OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITIES	TIMEFRAME
1. Share information on ongoing re-evaluations	Conduct bi-monthly EPA / PMRA conference calls to discuss re-registration and re-revaluation issues and progress	Ongoing: initiated August 2007
	Canadian participation in EPA working groups, Science Advisory Panels, technical sessions and discussions	Ongoing: PMRA is keeping abreast of changes that are on-going at EPA as a result of FQPA. PMRA is actively participating with EPA in certain areas, e.g., residential exposure to achieve harmonized approaches. PMRA has harmonized several FQPA policy papers. PMRA participated in the February 2008 SAP Notice of Intent to Cancel.
2. Identify priority candidates for work sharing	Develop EPA / PMRA crosswalk to identify initial candidates for joint registration review / re-evaluation	Complete. Presented at May 2007 TWG. Will continue working on identifying additional candidates at which point crosswalk may be revised.
	Identify pilot chemicals for initial work sharing to develop process.	Complete (approved at May 2007 TWG). Candidates are clomazone and clofentezine.
3. Work share on 2 pilot chemicals	Develop joint plan for work sharing for 2 pilots. As part of the pilot chemical joint reviews establish process to harmonize MRLs where possible.	PMRA/EPA teams identified, conference calls held in February (clomazone) and April 2008 (clofentezine) to share information, exchange reviews. Workplans have been identified. No foreseeable MRL issues for clomazone.
	Share information on approaches for new science issues (e.g., species at risk / endangered species). Initiate Data Reviews for one of the pilots	Clofentazine: Ecotoxicology and environmental fate data being generated, PMRA will take lead in reviewing, ongoing.
	Complete joint registration review / re-evaluation of 2 pilots.	Clomazone – 09/2010 Clofentezine – 09/2012

4. Develop multi year plan for work sharing.	Evaluate cross walk and identify priority chemicals for coordination	Two additional chemicals have been identified for work share (imidacloprid, glyphosate). Additional potential candidates are being discussed.
	Continue to support OECD work sharing pilot for two chemicals	Ongoing