

# International Public Health Pesticides Workshop

## *Pesticide Regulator Panel Discussion*

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## The IR-4 Project

- A publicly funded program for more than 45 years.
- Pesticide registration specialists for low acreage specialty crops.
- Collects residue data and prepares and submits petitions to U.S. Environmental Agency (EPA) for tolerances (i.e. MRLs) and registrations.

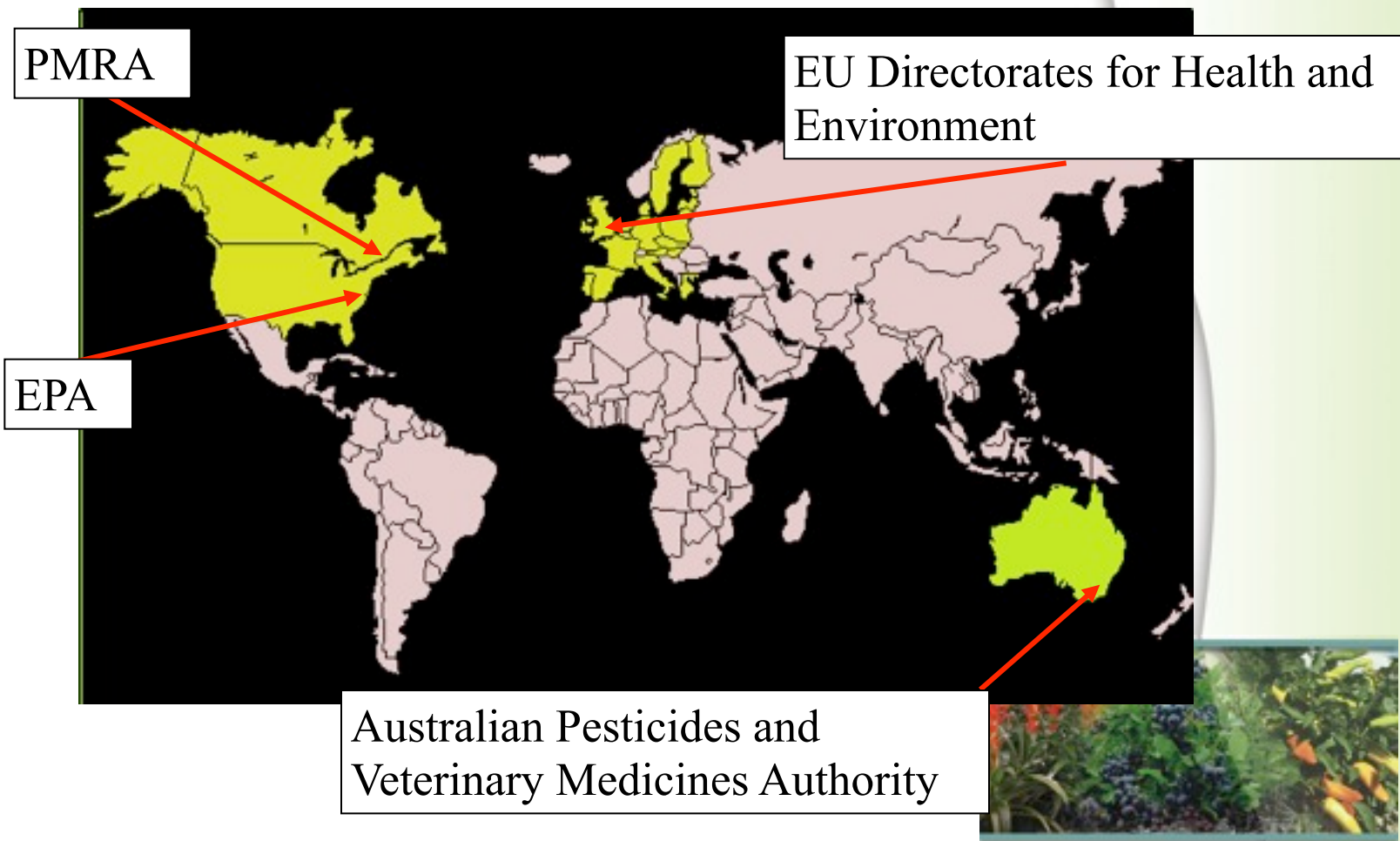


## IR-4 Strengths

- **IR-4 innovative use of residue data for specialty crops**
  - **Crop groupings**
  - **“Super” crop groupings**
- **Cooperative work with Canada’s Specialty Crop Program**
  - **Work under the same protocol**
  - **Share field and laboratory resources**
  - **Joint reviews and workshares**



# Workshare/Joint Review

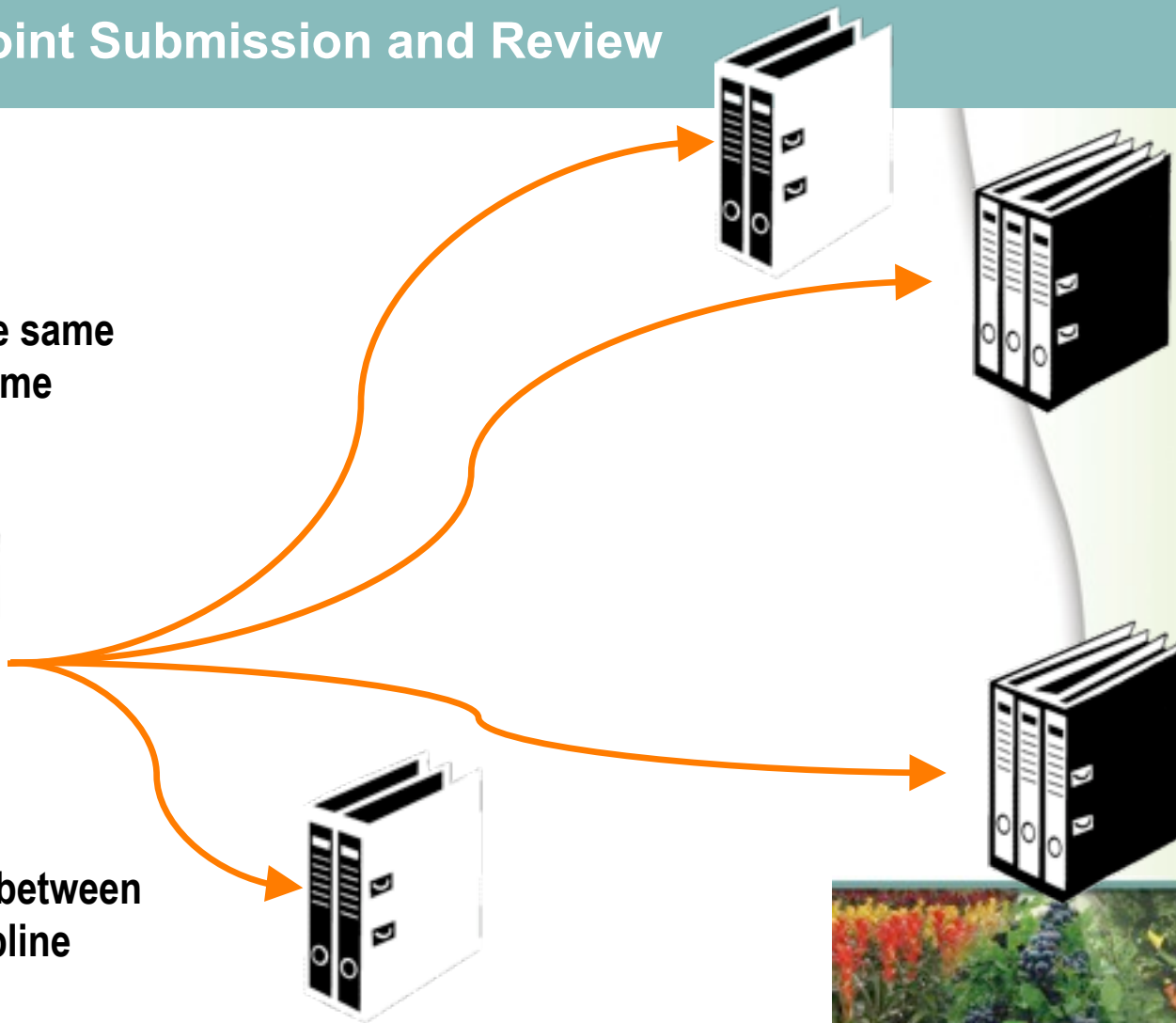


## Joint Submission and Review

**All Agencies received the same reports at the same time**



**Reviews were divided between Agencies by discipline**



## IR-4 Global Initiatives

- Global Minor Use Summit (GMUS), Rome 2007
- Sponsored by UN-FAO, IR-4, USDA-FAS, and EPA
- Goal to strive towards global harmonization of pesticide policy for specialty crops.
- Enhanced trade between nations, ensures growers have access to the most modern and safe pesticide products.



## GMUS Deliverables

- Common global specialty crop data portal (on IR-4 web site): contains national data, existing national MRL regulations, crop grouping schemes, etc.
- Capacity Building for developing nations. USDA-FAS taking the lead
- Establishment of Codex Working Group for Specialty Crops and Minor Uses
- International Pilot Projects
  - Simultaneous JMPR and national review
  - Global zone project (on-going)



## IR-4 Public Health Pesticides Initiative

- New Cooperative Program for IR-4
- Provides regulatory support for PHP registration.
- Some data generation capabilities (mosquito adulticide blanket tolerances)
- Dedicated PHP Program Manager at IR-4 HQ

