

Pesticide Regulator (Developed Country) Panel Discussion

Lois Rossi, Environmental Protection Agency, USA

- Lack of focus in US on public health pesticides; mainly focused on agriculture
- Plan to add a unit at EPA concentrated on pesticides for public health uses
- EPA has played three roles in international registration: leadership, advocacy/championship and fostering communication
- Believes that public health pesticides face similar challenges to those that agricultural pesticides suffered 15 years ago
- Harmonization has worked in the agricultural market with a recent focus on developing countries and minor uses – how would this work in public health market?
- Global Joint Review – several national authorities evaluate product at same time by dividing the work, but then make independent decision on whether to register product
- Joint Reviews held successfully in NAFTA
- OECD play an important role in harmonization in developed countries
- EPA undertaking several bi-lateral initiatives with Japan, China and Brazil

Keith Dorschner, Inter-Regional-4 Project, USA

- IR-4 is a publically funded program which collects pesticide residue data to share with EPA to benefit registration of specialty crops
- Joint Reviews divided by discipline
- IR-4 have global initiatives looking at minor use to strive toward global harmonization of pesticide policy for specialty crops
- Developed working group, data portal, capacity building and pilot projects for speciality crops and minor use
- Deployed War Fighters Protection Program and USDA are funding IR-4 to look at public health pesticides to provide regulatory support and data generation capability

Michel Bouvier d'Yvoire, European Commission – DG JRC, Italy

- Biocidal products are regulated in the EU through two pieces of legislation Two step procedure for regulating the placing of biocidal products on the market:
 - First step: evaluation of the active substance at the EU level (2 years min)
 - Second step: product authorisation at member state level
- Review Programme in place to look at already registered products
- There are procedures in place to deal with emergency situations whereby a product can be used for 120 days without full registration

Richard Davis, Health and Safety Executive, UK

- Chemicals Registration Directorate newly established in UK in April 2009
- Large amount of co-operation and harmonization already occurring in EU
- UK currently reviewing 13 dossiers for substances whilst peer reviewing additional 40 draft evaluations from other member countries
- Opportunities for work share exist in a number of areas – across regulatory authorities, regions, product uses and types

Questions

- None asked