

**NAFTA Technical Working Group
Government-Stakeholder Meeting in Charleston, SC
December 15, 2005**

AGENDA

PLENARY

8:30 am Item 1 Welcoming Remarks and Country Updates

- (15 min) Item 1.1 U.S. Data Requirements (CFR 158); Human Studies Rule;
Registration Review
Item 1.2 Mexican Pesticide Regulations
Item 1.3 Canadian Pest Control Products Act (PCPA); Own-Use
Permits; Default MRL Revocation Policy; CBI/Reading Room

8:45 am Item 2 Trade Irritant Resolution

- (10 min) Item 2.1 Commodity-Based Pilot Projects
(5 min) Item 2.2 MRL Statistical Methodology
(15 min) Item 2.3 Canada's revocation of the General 0.1 ppm MRL

(10 min) ***Stakeholder Feedback***

Documents:

- a) Presentation on Commodity-Based Pilot Projects
- b) Draft MRL Statistical Methodology Standard Operating Procedure
- c) Canadian Update on Revocation of General Default 0.1 ppm

9:25 am Item 3 NAFTA Stewardship Initiative (Presentation by NAFTA Industry Working Group)

(20 min)

Documents:

The IWG will make copies of relevant documents available to all meeting participants.

9:45 am Item 4 Joint Reviews

- (15 min) Item 4.1 Joint Review Update/Revised Standard Operating Procedure
(20 min) Item 4.2 Industry Working Group (IWG) Presentation:
- proposal for an additional Joint Review type/process that addresses the issue
of equal access for minor use crops
- incentives for industry to participate in the Joint review process

(10 min) ***Stakeholder Feedback***

Documents:

- a) Joint Review Update (Chemicals, Microbials, Pheromones, Pilot Non-Ag, and Minor Use)
- b) Revised Final Standard Operating Procedure for Chemical Joint Reviews
- c) The IWG will make copies of relevant documents for Agenda Item 4.2 available to all meeting participants.

10:30 am - 10:45am BREAK

10:45 am Item 5 Minor Use

- (5 min) Item 5.1 Minor Use Joint Field Trials Update
- (5 min) Item 5.2 U.S./International Crop Groupings Update

- (10 min) ***Stakeholder Feedback***

Documents:

- a) Minor Use Field Trials Update
- b) U.S./International Crop Groupings Update

11:05am Item 6 Non-Agricultural NAFTA Labels

(10 min)

(10 min) ***Stakeholder Feedback***

Documents:

- a) Overview of Non-Agricultural NAFTA Labels Development Initiative
- b) Non-Agricultural NAFTA Labels
- c) Non-Agricultural NAFTA Label Process Document

11:25 am Item 7 Re-evaluation/Re-registration Update, including Worksharing Opportunities for 15-year review programs

(10 min)

Documents:

- a) Re-evaluation/Re-registration Update (including Worksharing Opportunities under the U.S. Registration Review and Canadian Re-evaluation Programs)

11:35 am Item 8 TWG Subcommittee Refreshment Exercise

- (10 min) Item 8.1 Regulatory Capacity Building Subcommittee Refreshment Report
- (10 min) Item 8.2 Risk Reduction Subcommittee Refreshment Report

(10 min) ***Stakeholder Feedback***

Documents:

- a) Regulatory Capacity Building Subcommittee Refreshment Report
- b) Risk Reduction Subcommittee Refreshment Report

12:05 pm Item 9 Instructions for Break-Out Groups (BOGs)

12:15 noon – 1:30pm BOGs in Working Lunch

1:30pm - 3:30pm BOGs in Session

BREAK-OUT GROUPS (BOGs)

BOG 1: MRL Harmonization (Retrospective/Prospective Approaches) – agenda and supporting documents under development

The focus of this BOG discussion is to exchange views on lessons learned from the commodity-based projects (Pulse/Tomato crops) in resolving trade irritants, practical approaches (in particular, prospective approaches) to increasing the rate of MRL harmonization among the NAFTA countries, ways of encouraging more Joint Review submissions for conventionals and biopesticides, including a more detailed review of the new Joint Review Standard Operating Procedures that incorporate various improvements to the Joint Review process. The BOG will give a report out in plenary to the NAFTA TWG, outlining recommendations for addressing key issues and proposed performance indicators that could serve as measures of success in MRL harmonization and minimization/resolution of trade irritants.

Documents

- a) Agenda for BOG 1

BOG 2: Non-Agricultural Issues– agenda and supporting documents under development

The focus of this BOG discussion is to exchange views on priority issues specific to non-agricultural pesticides, including harmonization of non-agricultural data requirements, implementation of the Globally Harmonized System of Hazard Classification and Labelling (GHS), and confidential business information (CBI) issues related to the Canadian PCPA. The BOG will give a report out in plenary to the NAFTA TWG, outlining recommendations for addressing key issues and proposed performance indicators that could serve as measures of success in this area, that will be reported out in plenary.

Documents

- a) Agenda for BOG 2
- b) Project Sheet on GHS Coordination/Harmonization
- c) Comparison of initial EPA/PMRA implementation approaches for GHS

BOG 3: NAFTA Labels – agenda and supporting documents under development

The focus of this BOG discussion is to exchange views on challenges and opportunities associated with the development and use of NAFTA labels. The BOG will give a report out in plenary to the NAFTA TWG, outlining recommendations for addressing key issues and proposed performance indicators that could serve as measures of success in this area. The North Dakota Dry Pea and Lentil Association has already tabled a proposed agenda (attached below) which the BOG Chair will take into account, together with any additional input received from other stakeholders.

Documents

- a) Agenda for BOG 3
- b) Project Sheet on GHS Coordination/Harmonization
- c) Comparison of initial EPA/PMRA implementation approaches for GHS
- d) Overview of Non-Agricultural NAFTA Labels Development Initiative

3:30pm **Item 10 Report Out by Break-Out Groups (BOGs) – 15 min report, followed by short Q/A Period for each BOG (20 min total/each)**

4:30pm **Item 11 General Public Comment Period**

5:15pm **Item 12 Closing Remarks**

5:30pm ***Meeting Adjourns***