

PROJECT COMPLETION SHEET

SUBCOMMITTEE: Regulatory Capacity Building

PROJECT TITLE: **Harmonization of Submission Binders**

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GOAL/OBJECTIVE: To harmonize the approach to binder assembly for pesticide submissions.

BACKGROUND:

The directions for binder assembly for pesticide submission differed between the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA). The EPA requires each study to be submitted in a separate binder, whereas PMRA directions indicated that several studies could be submitted in a single binder. This lack of harmonization presented an unnecessary burden to industry when preparing their submissions.

OUTPUT/RESULTS:

Following a review of the issue, the PMRA concluded that submissions prepared according to the EPA binder assembly format would be acceptable to the PMRA.