



NAFTA Technical Working Group on Pesticides
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PROJECT SHEET

SUBCOMMITTEE: Joint Review

PROJECT TITLE: **NAFTA Label Pilot Project for Hard Surfaces Disinfectants**

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PROJECT DATES: Initiated March 2004; update: December 2005

GOAL: To enable registrants to submit one NAFTA label for hard surface disinfectants that will satisfy the labelling requirements of the United States and Canada, and potentially all NAFTA countries at a later date.

BACKGROUND:

The project to develop a NAFTA label for hard surface was originally proposed at the 2003 Annual General Meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia. Since March 2004, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Antimicrobial Division, and Health Canada, Therapeutic Products Directorate, have been involved in the development of the key elements for the NAFTA label. Industry has also been involved in some of the meetings.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

A draft guidance document with the necessary combined elements for both jurisdictions has been prepared. Two sponsors, Ecolab and JohnsonDiversey, used the guidance to prepare NAFTA labels for two hard surface disinfectants that are currently approved in both Canada and the United States.

Although the EPA and Health Canada have approved the labels, JohnsonDiversey chose not to register their approved NAFTA label because they wanted to make certain claims in the United States that were not allowed in Canada, while Ecolab chose not to pursue an actual registration for their submission because the United States would not allow certain claims that were allowed for the product in Canada. The EPA and Health Canada will continue exploring issues around claims. In addition, they have revised the draft NAFTA label guidance document to address coordination issues and concerns, and will be sending the document to the members of the NAFTA Non-Agricultural Working Group for review and comment. However, as long as a company is willing to make the same claims for the same product in both countries, a NAFTA label registration can now be obtained for hard surface disinfectants.

WORKPLAN

GOAL	ACTIVITIES	TIMEFRAME
Development of elements required for NAFTA label	Health Canada and the EPA held multiple conference calls to discuss the development of the required elements for the NAFTA label	March 2004–August 2004
Industry associations and their memberships were asked whether they wished to be involved in the development of the draft NAFTA labels	Seven different companies submitted, with five being selected from a set of criteria. Of the five, only two were selected for the next stage of the project	August 2004–November 2004
Draft NAFTA labels submitted	Two companies, Ecolab and JohnsonDiversey, submitted draft NAFTA labels.	June 2005
Draft NAFTA labels produced	Two companies, Ecolab and JohnsonDiversey, produced draft NAFTA labels.	October 2005
Public consultation for the draft guidance document	Health Canada and the EPA have developed a draft guidance document; however, it still has to be approved by the Therapeutic Products Division's Management Committee of TPD.	To be determined