



NAFTA Technical Working Group on Pesticides  
Grupo de Trabajo Técnico del TLCAN sobre Plaguicidas  
Le groupe de travail technique de l'ALENA sur les pesticides

## PROJECT COMPLETION SHEET

**SUBCOMMITTEE:** Food Residue

**PROJECT TITLE:** Expansion of Residue Zone Map to United States and Mexico

**PROJECT ID:** FR05-97-0702

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**INITIATION:** June 1997

**COMPLETION:** July 18, 2002 (updated from November 2001 meeting)

**GOAL:** Develop a residue zone map for North America

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Develop a residue zone map to delineate Mexico's major and minor field trial regions, using the Geographic Information System (GIS), that is consistent with criteria used to establish residue zones in Canada and the United States. Once developed, these zones will be folded into Canadian and American zones wherever practical to establish a North American residue map that is mutually accepted by the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Comisión Intersecretarial para el Control del Proceso y Uso de Plaguicidas, Fertilizantes y Sustancias Tóxicas (CICOPLAFEST). To the extent possible, the residue map should be harmonized with the NAFTA ecozone map currently being developed by a separate NAFTA project group.

### BACKGROUND:

Canada and the United States have developed a residue map that delineates the zones that are unique and those that are consistent between the two countries. It was agreed that this map would be extended to Mexico. The North America residue zone map will result in a substantial cost save to industry, in view of the fact that the number of residue trials needed will be reduced. It will also facilitate the development of data in support of major and minor crops as well as the exchange of residue data reviews.

## WORK PLAN

**SUBCOMMITTEE:** Food Residues Working Group

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GOAL	ACTIVITIES	TIME FRAME
Mexican residue map	Circulate draft to the PMRA and the EPA for information/comment	May 24, 1999
Obtain reference materials for Mexican residue companion document	Obtain/access American/Canadian guidance on number and location of field trials to facilitate development of Mexican methodology and explanatory text	July 1999
First draft Mexican residue zone map companion document	Circulate first draft of companion document (with accompanying maps) to NAFTA Co-chairs for comment	June 2000
Co-chair comments	Co-chairs provide the EPA/PMRA comments on first draft companion document to CICOPLAFEST	August 31, 2000
Revised companion document	CICOPLAFEST prepare revised drafts based on Co-chair comments and circulate to Co-chairs and stakeholders	October 31, 2000
Comments on revised draft	PMRA/EPA/stakeholder comments to CICOPLAFEST	December 31, 2000
Progress Report	Report progress to Executive Board	January 2001
Revise residue zone map and companion document	Incorporate comments received and prepare final draft of companion document and Mexican zone map	March 31, 2001
Finalize Mexican residue map and companion document	Present Mexican residue zone map and companion document to TWG for endorsement	June 2001
Mexican residue zone map and companion document	Present Mexican residue zone map and companion document to NAFTA for endorsement	November 2001
Mexican residue zone maps and companion document	Presented to NAFTA Executive Board for endorsement	May 2002