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PROJECT SHEET

SUBCOMMITTEE: Food Residues Working Group

PROJECT TITLE: Expansion of Residue Zone Map to US/Mexico

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INITIATION: June 1997

UPDATE: 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) which 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 US zones where ever practical to establish a North American residue map which is mutually accepted by PMRA, EPA and CICOPRAFEST. To the extent possible, the residue map should be harmonized with the NAFTA ecozone map currently being developed by a separate NAFTA project group.

MILESTONES

June 1997	Representatives from CICOPRAFEST and the Mexican pesticide industry met to discuss the source to finance the project
August 1997	Once financing has been secured, CICOPRAFEST will facilitate a meeting between Statistics Canada and the Mexican industry to initiate the work plan

December 1997- March 1998	Compilation of the digitized crop information by Statistics Canada
April-Dec.1998	Integration and delineation of major and minor crop field trial region.
February 1999	Mexican major and minor Crop Field Trial region map sent to Mexican industry group for comment
May 1999	2 nd draft of proposed Mexican residue zone map provided to NAFTA countries for information/comments.
May-July 1999	Determine number of field trials per crop per zone (using US/Canadian methodology and Mexican production/consumption data
June 2001	Finalize Residue Map to US/Mexico. Present Mexican residue zone map to TWG for endorsement.
August 2001	PMRA met with Statistics Canada. PMRA agreed that the residue maps and associated document were acceptable.
November 2001	Mexican residue zone maps presented at the NAFTA TWG annual full meeting.
May 2002	Mexican residue zone maps and companion document presented at the NAFTA TWG Executive Board meeting for endorsement. Project is completed.

BACKGROUND:

Canada and USA have developed a residue map which delineates zones that are unique and which 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 and also it will facilitate the development of data in support of major and minor crops and the exchange of residue data reviews.

WORK PLAN

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GOAL	ACTIVITIES	TIME FRAME
Mexican residue map	Circulate draft to PMRA, EPA for information/comment	May 24, 1999
Obtain reference materials for Mexican residue companion document	Obtain/access U.S./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 EPA/PMRA comments on first draft companion documents 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, 2002
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	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 map and companion document	Present to NAFTA Executive Board for endorsement	May 2002