

FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL BUFFER ZONE WORKING GROUP

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Background

The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) has required buffer zone statements on certain pesticide labels to mitigate the effects of those pesticides which pose a risk to aquatic or terrestrial habitats. To ensure a consistent approach in the implementation of buffer zones, the PMRA has formed a Buffer Zone Working Group. This group will discuss both scientific issues related to pesticide drift and buffer zones, and harmonization with international regulatory agencies. During the initial meeting, the Buffer Zone Working Group identified that participation from the provincial/territorial pesticide regulatory authorities was key to the successful implementation of any PMRA buffer zone policies. Consequently, the PMRA has proposed the formation of a Federal/Provincial/Territorial Buffer Zones Working Group (Working Group).

Objectives

The Working Group will assist the PMRA in formulating a national buffer zone strategy.

Time Frame

(need to indicate the expected lifespan of the working group - for example - 2 years)

Members

The Working Group would be composed of the five members of the PMRA Buffer Zone Working Group and representatives from each provincial and territorial government.

It is proposed that the Chair of the committee will be from the Environmental Assessment Division, PMRA.

Reporting Relations

The Working Group will report to the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Committee on Pest Management and Pesticides.

Operations

The working group will teleconference at least once per month or more frequently if required. Additional meetings will be arranged by mutual agreement.

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