

Presentation to the Pest Management Advisory Committee June 4, 2003

Revocation of the 0.1 ppm
General Maximum Residue Limit
for
Food Pesticide Residues
DIS2003-01



PMRA's proposal to revoke the General Maximum Pesticide Residue Limit

- ◆ It has been proposed to revoke the General Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) Regulation which currently provides a default level of 0.1 parts per million (ppm) for pesticide residues on domestically grown and imported food.

PMRA's proposal to revoke the General Maximum Pesticide Residue Limit (cont'd)

- ◆ The current default level of 0.1 ppm would be replaced by setting specific MRLs for each pesticide and food combination at levels at or below 0.1 ppm.

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- ◆ A transition period has been proposed during which contemporary U.S. tolerances at or below the 0.1 ppm level would serve as a basis for setting specific MRLs. Codex MRLs at or below 0.1 ppm would also be considered.

PMRA's proposal to revoke the General Maximum Pesticide Residue Limit (cont'd)

- ◆ In cases for which no specific MRL can be established, quantifiable residues would no longer be permitted.
- ◆ The proposal would bring Canadian regulatory practice in line with world standards for setting MRLs.
- ◆ The comment period closed on April 10, 2003.



Summary of comments

- ◆ Total number of responses as of April 29, 2003 is **35**.

Comments by organization

Industry: 9			Associations: 19		
registrants	Canadian	foreign	provincial	Canadian	foreign
5	2	2	5	4	10
Government: 5			NGOs: 2		
provincial	federal	foreign	health	environment	TOTAL
1	3	(1)	1	1	
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