

# Electronic Public Registry

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# Overview

- ◆ New transparency requirements
- ◆ Definitions
- ◆ Register of pest control products
- ◆ Electronic registry
- ◆ Summary of Register/E-registry content
- ◆ Transitional provisions
- ◆ How will it happen?

# Transparency Requirements

- ◆ **PMRA must establish:**
  - ◆ Register of pest control products
  - ◆ Electronic public registry
    - “.....*as soon as reasonably practicable*”
  - ◆ Mechanism for inspection of confidential test data
    - controlled access
    - no copy may be obtained

# Definitions

## Confidential Test Data

*Test data to which access may be refused under ATI Act*

## Confidential Business Information

- ◆ *Manufacturing and quality control processes*
- ◆ *Methods for determining composition*
- ◆ *Name and concentration of formulants and contaminants that are NOT of health and environmental concern*
- ◆ *Financial information incl. monetary value of sales data*



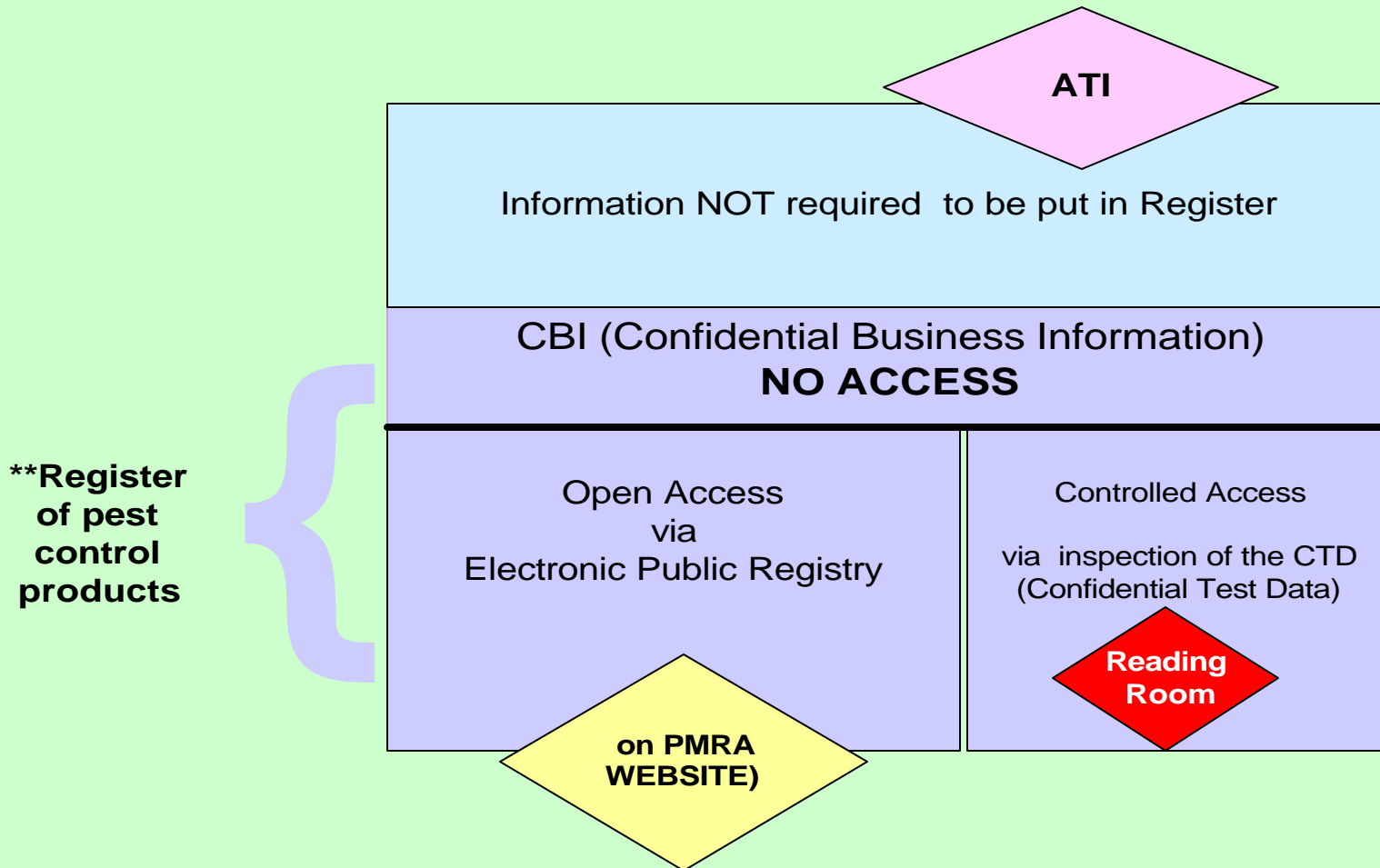
# Register of pest control products

- ◆ A concept, NOT a physical location
- ◆ “ a *body of information* re. applications & registered products to which rules of access under new PCPA must be applied”
- ◆ new Act specifies the content (mandatory)

# Electronic public registry

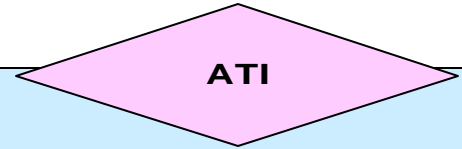
- ◆ New PCPA specifies content:
  - ◆ MOU with other Federal Depts.
  - ◆ International harmonisation activity reports
  - ◆ Regulations/proposed regulations
  - ◆ Policies, guidelines, codes of practice
    - at public consultation & finalization
  - ◆ Info. required to be in **Register of pest control products** (except CBI & CTD)
- ◆ Delivery via PMRA Website

# Access to information re applications/registered products



**\*\* Register : body of information to which the rules of disclosure, under the PCPA, apply  
The PCPA defines the mandatory info that must be put into the Register**

# What information?



## Access subject to ATI

### Correspondence

- internal memos, meeting minutes,- deficiency letters, clarifaxes etc

## No Access to CBI

Formulants (not of health or environmental concern); Manufacturing Process, etc

## Open Access (not incl CTD/CBI)

### Application:

- active ingredient name
- proposed new uses/uses to be withdrawn
- Consultation & decision stmts (PRDD, RDD)
- Application outcome (registered, withdrawn, rejected)

### - If Application outcome is positive (registered)

- advice requested from 3rd party
- other information considered
- evaluation reports (monographs)
- notices requiring more data/monitoring as condition of reg'n

### - Registered product:

- Registration number & validity period
- Conditions of registration
  - product label & specifications
  - conditions specified in notice

### Reconsideration information:

- notices of objection, decision to hold a review panel or not
- info submitted to review panel
- rev panel recommend'n
- final decision



## Controlled Access

(not incl CBI)

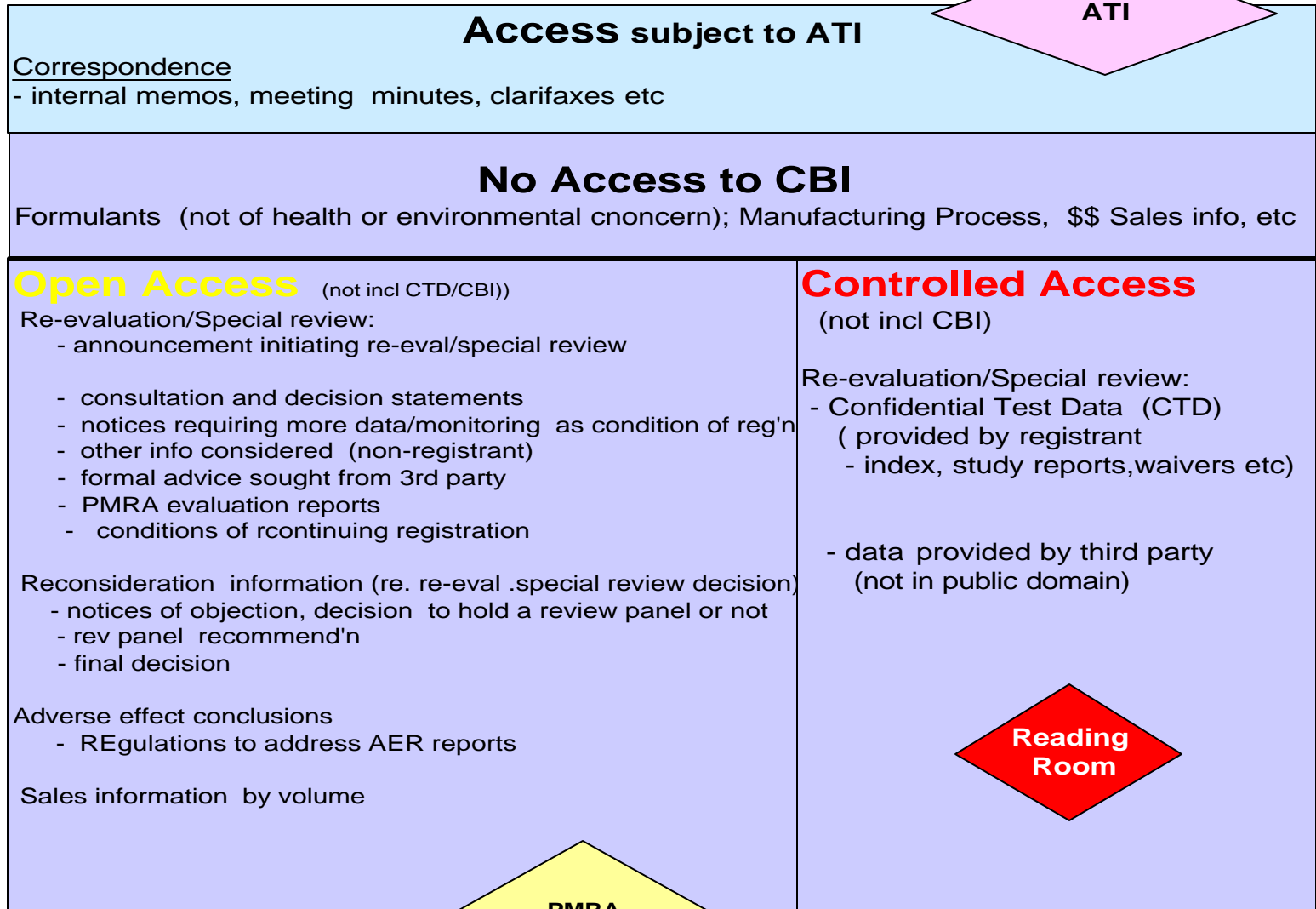
### Application:

- Confidential Test Data (CTD)
- provided by applicant: index, CDS, study reports, waivers, etc
- data provided by third party (not in public domain)





# What information?- cont:



# Transitional provisions

- ◆ RE: registrations & applications existing when new Act proclaimed:
  - ◆ CTD & evaluation reports not placed in Register until the active has been subject to consultation under new PCPA

# How will this happen?

- ◆ Electronic delivery leveraging Oracle database/PRS
- ◆ PMRA business rules, processes & tools being realigned
- ◆ Applicant must designate CBI; PMRA will confirm
- ◆ PMRA must identify/separate CBI in evaluation reports etc.
- ◆ Piloting Monograph assembly
- ◆ Quality assurance
- ◆ Language of Monograph
- ◆ Web presentation/ user interface

# Key success factors

- ◆ Effective electronic information & document management
- ◆ Awareness of CBI requirements (Industry & PMRA)
- ◆ Documentation & communication of the rules/processes
- ◆ Sound QA measures
- ◆ Roles defined



# Enabling Electronic Business

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# Why go electronic?

- ◆ PMRA – responsible for the regulation of pesticides in Canada
- ◆ 3000 submissions/3000 decisions annually
- ◆ Re-evaluation of existing products; 401 active ingredients and their end use products
- ◆ Compliance
- ◆ Limited resources
- ◆ Cost recovery and performance standards
- ◆ Large volume of information, scientific data and documents received in paper format



# Needs

- ◆ Program needs
  - ◆ Data submission, Evaluation
  - ◆ Tracking
  - ◆ Reporting, Archiving
  - ◆ Document Management
  - ◆ International Worksharing
  - ◆ Efficiencies for government, for industry
  - ◆ Transparency
  - ◆ Consistency

# In the beginning (.....1995)

- ◆ Data produced at bench by industry; handled, rewritten and revised many times prior to being put into a paper submission (\$ 40, 000.00 just to put the paper together)
- ◆ Delivered by truck; 6 + copies
- ◆ Received, handled, reviewed as paper
- ◆ Archiving by hand; paper shredded
- ◆ Few public documents produced



# 1995-2003

- ◆ Submission screening, preliminary review, timelines, cost recovery all put rigour into the system
- ◆ Electronic submission tracking system put in place
- ◆ Scanned in label collection on web
- ◆ Work book developed...document management tool for all evaluation documents, by submission

# 1995-2003

- ◆ Common formats for submissions
- ◆ Common formats for reviews
- ◆ Data requirements, formats and forms on web site
- ◆ Requirements for submission of electronic labels
- ◆ Training for industry , staff

# 1995-2003

- ◆ OECD workshop hosted by PMRA on electronic tools
- ◆ Joint work with US EPA on electronic tools under NAFTA

# Results

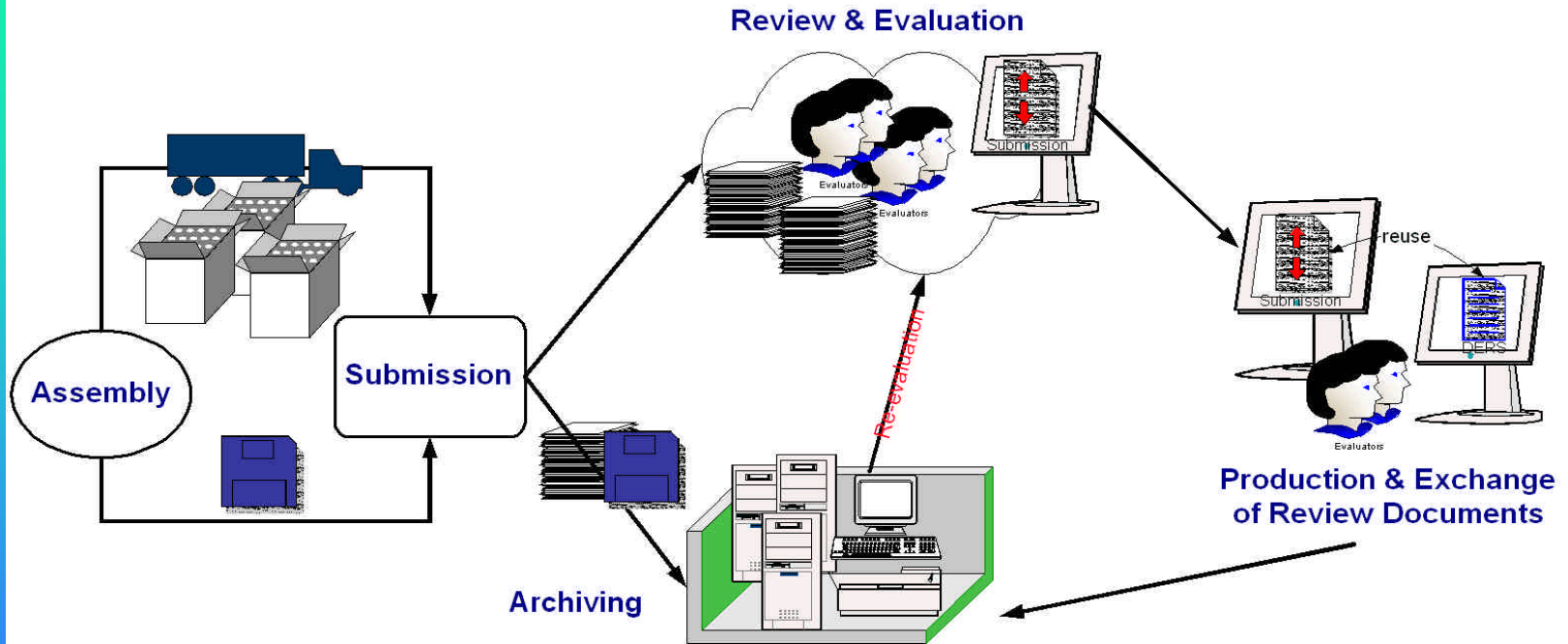
- ◆ PMRA ability to track, review and document results electronically
- ◆ Large number of public risk assessment decision documents
- ◆ Industry ability to develop electronic submissions
- ◆ Increased efficiencies
- ◆ But..... Delivery mechanism still paper or disc; etc.
- ◆ But.....New Pest Control Products Act needs



# Where we are today

## Electronic Regulatory Framework

### Fall 2003



# 2003 Evolution to .....

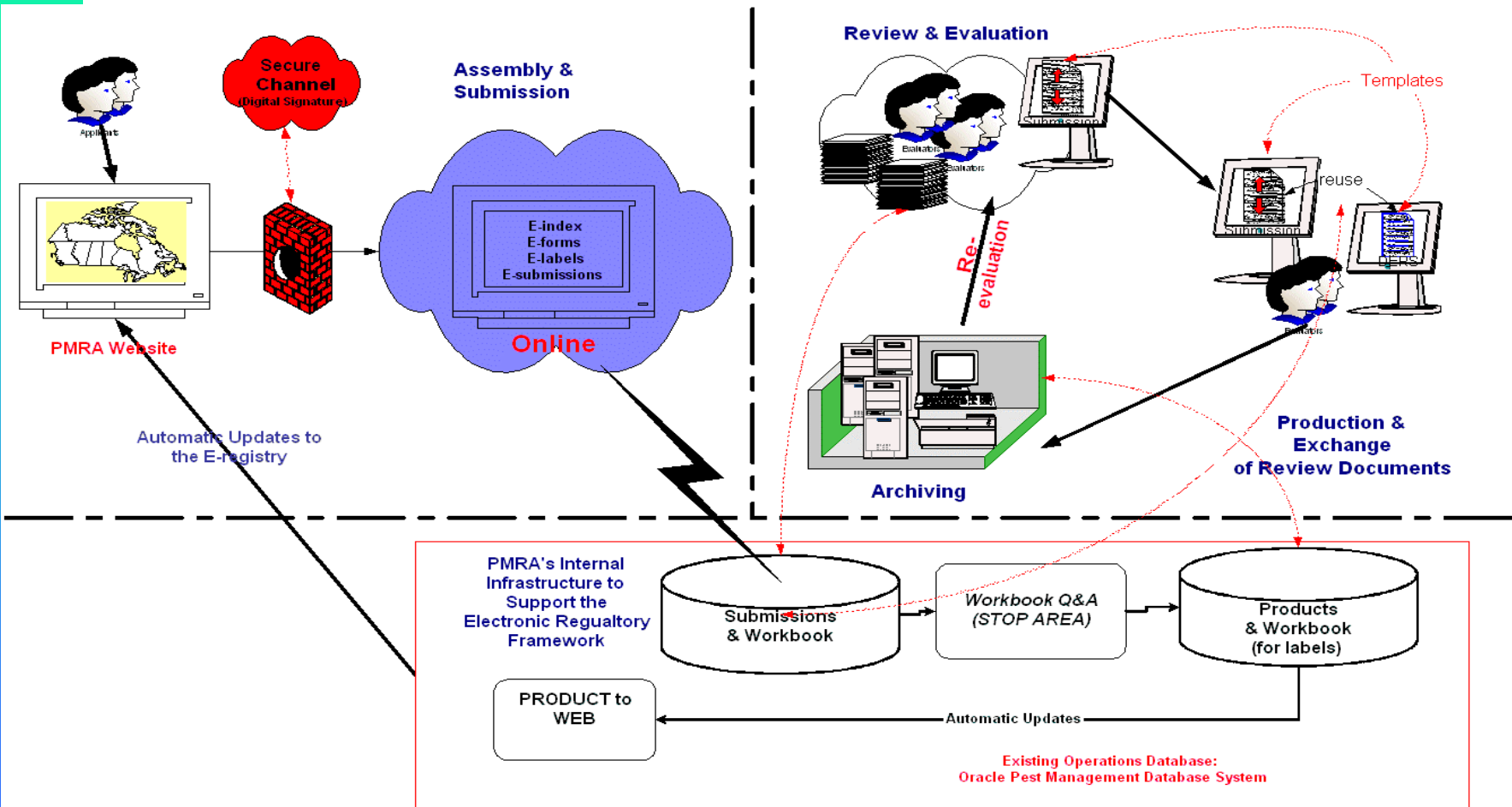
- ◆ Seamless electronic approach– E-Regulatory Project
- ◆ Internal process alignment activities
  - ◆ Augment Electronic framework
  - ◆ Automate data capture
    - Consolidation of forms
    - Convergence of paper & electronic processes
- ◆ NAFTA support for PMRA's approach for electronic submission assembly



# Incorporating Assembly and Submission

- ◆ Automate data capture
  - ◆ *Reduce Processing Times*
- ◆ Incorporate validation prior to submission
  - ◆ *Increase Quality*
- ◆ Support one format, electronic
  - ◆ *Efficient use of Resources*
- ◆ Automate transparency reporting – public registry, consultation documents
  - ◆ *Processing Times, Quality and Resources*

# Where we will be Electronic Regulatory Framework Summer 2004





# What does this mean?

- ◆ Registrants – submit their applications, forms, other transactions via the web
- ◆ Submission receipt and archiving at PMRA will be automated as will the placement of documents on the register and public registry
- ◆ 1st country in the world to go online for pesticide applications
- ◆ Increased efficiencies for government, for industry
- ◆ Increased transparency for public

# Question

- ◆ What advice does the Council have concerning the implementation of the electronic registry?