

PMRA's Strategic Agenda

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Current Government Context

- ▶ Commitments to:
 - ◆ Implement the new PCPA as soon as possible
 - ◆ Smart Regulations
 - ◆ Accountability
 - ◆ Transparency
 - ◆ Health and the Environment

Stakeholder Expectations

- ▶ A federal pesticide regulatory system that is:
 - ◆ Open and transparent
 - ◆ Responsive, yet predictable
 - ◆ Credible, science-based
 - ◆ Connected across federal government, with provincial partners, with stakeholders and internationally

Why a Strategic Agenda?

- ▶ Must prioritize and provide appropriate resources in order to:
 - ◆ Meet government commitments
 - ◆ Meet stakeholder expectations
 - ◆ Build on existing progress
 - ◆ Be responsive to issues and concerns of Canadians
 - ◆ Set out PMRA's vision and path forward

What is PMRA's Strategic Agenda?

- ▶ The goals and priorities for the next 18-24 months beyond our core work
- ▶ Those issues PMRA needs to address to ensure support for and relevance of the core business
- ▶ Combination of both content and process issues
- ▶ Consistent with the Strategic Plan, but with specific guidance

A Strategic Agenda

- ▶ Implementation of new PCPA
- ▶ Decision-making
- ▶ Improved communications
- ▶ Stakeholder engagement
- ▶ Business Processes
- ▶ Policy Development
- ▶ Planning, allocation, reporting
- ▶ Evaluation of Cost Recovery Initiative
- ▶ Review, re-evaluation performance

Implementation of the new PCPA:

- ◆ Key government commitment
- ◆ Key to enshrining into law:
 - Transparency
 - Risk Assessment Practices
 - Consultation
 - Post-registration Controls

Decision Making

- ▶ A transparent, consistent and efficient decision-making process to ensure decisions are:
 - ◆ Supportive of our mandate and objectives
 - ◆ Consistent with federal policies
 - ◆ Taken in the broader context of sustainability
 - ◆ Commensurate with level of concern
 - ◆ Well documented, understood, supported

Improved Communication

- ▶ Effective communications PMRA are key:
 - ◆ To enhancing Canadians understanding, confidence and input into the federal pesticide regulatory system
 - ◆ To demonstrate that the agency is meeting:
 - Government commitments
 - The needs of Canadians for clear, understandable information relating to pesticides

Stakeholder Engagement

- ▶ Essential to understanding issues, concerns
- ▶ PMRA decisions affect a wide variety of stakeholders
- ▶ Better decisions are made when there is meaningful consultation
- ▶ Need to examine when we consult, how we consult, who we consult and identify gaps and areas for improvement
- ▶ Open, accessible, responsive

Business Processes

- ▶ In order to ensure clear, flexible, efficient and effective processes, standard operating procedures must:
 - ◆ remain relevant to PMRA's objectives
 - ◆ Stay current despite constant change such as:
 - The new PCPA
 - Movement to an electronic work environment

Policy Development

- ▶ Must ensure appropriate capacity in PMRA
- ▶ Must have appropriate prioritization and resourcing of policy work to make progress in key areas, e.g., implementation of the new PCPA, science development and decision-making

Planning, Allocation, Reporting

- ▶ Required by new PCPA
- ▶ Essential to:
 - ◆ Meet stated objectives
 - ◆ Demonstrate accountability
 - ◆ Demonstrate sound financial management practices
 - ◆ Delivering results for Canadians

Cost Recovery Evaluation

- ▶ Key component of financial management
- ▶ Evaluation Steering Committee reviewed draft, recommendations
- ▶ Recommendations broad – level of cost recovery – revised framework for fees
- ▶ Final Evaluation, including action plan, will be public after government approvals

Others

- ▶ Science
- ▶ People Development
- ▶ Internal Communications
- ▶ Organizational Development

Review, re-evaluation of pesticides

Questions

- ▶ Do you support and understand these as priorities?
- ▶ Are there priorities missing?
- ▶ In terms of PMRA engaging its stakeholders, what feedback do you have on what the Agency is doing well, and what the Agency could do better?