OECD Workshop on User Compliance Issues June 6-8, 2006

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Background

- November 2004: The WGP approved the proposal of the RRSG to hold a workshop on user compliance issues, hosted by Canada in 2006
- February 2005: RRSG established planning committee:

Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, the UK, the US, the European Commission, CropLife, and the International Federation of Agricultural Producers.

➤ June 2005, Nov. 2005, Feb. 2006: Planning committee reported progress to WGP, RRSG, WGP respectively

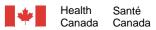
Reference: Revised Workshop Proposal (ENV/JM/PEST(2004)021)



Scope of Workshop

- Label Compliance
- Focus on Agricultural Uses
- Issues:
 - Label information (build on March 2005 Labelling Seminar)
 - Training
 - Responsibilities of various sectors (industry, regulator, users)





Workshop Objectives

- Targeting activities to areas of greatest risk
- Users' understanding of regulatory requirements
- Improving regulatory process to facilitate user compliance
- Measuring effectiveness of compliance programs
- Areas of potential harmonisation



Workshop Agenda

- > Day 1 (full day)
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - PMRA and OECD Secretariat
 - Plenary Sessions
 - Users, Regulators, Manufacturers, and INECE.
 - Panel discussion with all speakers



Workshop Agenda... Cont.

- ➤ Day 2 (full day)
 - Primarily break-out group discussions
 - Ample time for discussion both within groups and with all participants
- ➤ Day 3 (half day)
 - Consolidated report available to participants in the morning
 - Interactive discussion of report and list areas of potential harmonisation
 - Conclusions & next steps





Questionnaires

- Two versions of questionnaire (one for users and other for regulators), to determine how governments and stakeholders promote compliance
- Delegates asked to seek appropriate feedback within their countries (e.g. user organizations).
- OECD preparing report on survey results
- Use responses as information to help guide break-out group discussions



May 2006 Status Report

- Plenary speakers confirmed
- Invitations sent to the Heads of Delegations and to some NGOs
- Canadian Delegation confirmed
- Teams formed within planning committee to facilitate the development of breakout sessions
- Password-protected website for participants now operational
- PMRA developing general structure of breakout discussions.





Questions for Council

What elements of the workshop would be of particular interest to PMAC?

Would PMAC be interested in a presentation of the findings of the workshop?

