

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

1. Targeting activities to areas of greatest risk
2. Users' understanding of regulatory requirements
3. Improving regulatory process to facilitate user compliance
4. Measuring effectiveness of compliance programs
5. 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?