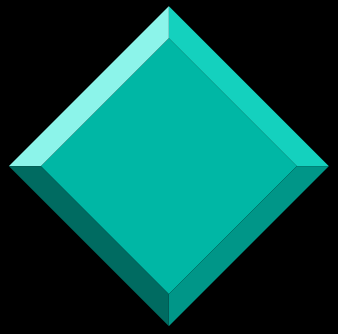


# *The New Pest Control Products Act*

# The New PCPA

- Parliamentary Process
- Objectives of the Amendments
- Considerations in Drafting Bill
- Main Elements of New PCPA
- Benefits

# *Parliamentary Process*

- First Reading
- Second Reading
- Committee study and report
- Third Reading
- Senate
- Royal Assent
- Regulations

# Objectives of the Amendments

- Health and environmental protection
- Openness and transparency
- Cost-effective regulation
- PRR recommendations
- Good public policy

# Considerations in Drafting Bill

- Appropriate role of federal government
  - national registration system
  - prevent unacceptable risks
  - avoid unsupported claims
  - facilitate sustainable development

# *Considerations in Drafting Bill (cont'd)*

- Importance of pesticides in pest management and the economy
- Need to minimize risks and encourage sustainable pest management
- Cost-effective and open regulation

# *Considerations in Drafting Bill (cont'd)*

- Divergent interests and right to participate
- Cooperation among federal departments
- Partnership relationship with provinces and territories
- International obligations

# Risk Management Approach

- Risk
  - products posing unacceptable risk not registered
- Value
  - efficacy
  - sustainable pest management
  - competitiveness
- Transparency / public participation

# *Mandatory Reporting of Adverse Effects*

- Statute
  - basic obligation to report
  - basic process for handling information
  - consequences
- Details in regulations
  - who
  - what
  - when

# Re-evaluation and Special Review

- Re-evaluation
  - triggered by change in information requirements or evaluation procedures
- Special Review
  - triggered by specific concerns
  - public may request
- Consequences
  - confirmation, amendment or cancellation

# Export Restrictions

- Statute
  - export of products of concern by permit only
- Regulations
  - criteria for designation as “product of concern”
  - requirements to obtain permit

# Enforcement

- Clarify prohibitions
- Increase penalties
- Modernize powers of inspectors
- Ensure authority to prescribe circumstances and conditions to allow:
  - tank mixing
  - lower than label rates

# Public Consultation

- Major registration decisions
  - new active ingredients
  - major new uses
  - re-evaluations and special reviews
- Proposed Regulatory Decision Documents (PRDDs)
  - summaries of risk and value assessments

# Access to Test Data

- Provide access to data and evaluations supporting pesticide registrations
- Prevent:
  - "unfair commercial use" of data
  - disclosure of confidential business information

# *Access to Test Data (cont'd)*

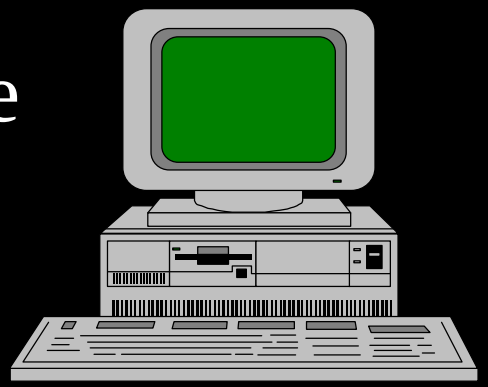
- Ensure that confidential information can be shared when appropriate
  - e.g., with provincial/territorial regulators
- Public registry to facilitate access to non-confidential information
- Details in regulations to allow:
  - consultation during development of regulations
  - adaptation in future as policies evolve

# Public Access to Review Mechanisms

- Public may request:
  - special review of registered pesticides
  - reconsideration of registration decisions
- Transparent review processes
- Can lead to confirmation, amendment or cancellation

# *Regulation-making Authorities*

- Registration types
- Research permits
- Lower than label rates
- National pesticide database
- Good laboratory practices
- Data protection



# Benefits

## Public, Provinces/Territories, Stakeholders

- safe pesticides
- more opportunities to influence registration decisions
- access to information supporting registration decisions
- increased public confidence in federal registration decisions

# *Benefits (cont'd)*

## Provinces / Territories

- easier access to safety information
- flexible regulations
  - e.g., lower than label rates
- more effective collaboration in compliance and enforcement

# *Benefits (cont'd)*

## Manufacturers

- international harmonization leads to lower costs and timely registration decisions
- protection from unfair commercial use of data

# Benefits (cont'd)

## Users

- international harmonization leads to timely access to sustainable pest management tools and level-playing field
- increased confidence in agri-food and other products

# Summary

- Legislative proposals based on PRR recommendations
- Awaiting direction from Minister of Health
- Amendments benefit all stakeholders
- Details in regulations will be developed in consultation with stakeholders