



Regulatory Note

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Over the last few years with the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), most of the tariff and non-tariff trade barriers have been removed. The result is an increased scrutiny on technical issues, such as differential pesticide registrations and tolerances and maximum residue limits (MRLs), leading to potential disruption of commodity flow across the border. It was recognized that this development could have a negative impact on the value of products registered for use on food or as seed treatments and could affect their acceptability for registration. It was determined that appropriate steps should be taken to bring this concern to the attention of users of the products whose economic interests could be adversely affected by such use.

As a result of consultation with industry, grower organizations and federal and provincial government departments, an approach was developed to address the issue. All agreed on the need to inform the grower on whether or not registered pesticides in Canada have tolerances in the U.S. It was agreed that a combination of a label statement and a central database with Canadian MRLs and their associated U.S. tolerances would be an effective means by which to inform growers.

The Crop Protection Institute, as an extension of their stewardship activities, has developed an MRL database containing information on all pesticides registered for use on food crops in Canada with associated U.S. tolerances.

As of April 27, 2001, the PMRA is requiring all products registered for use on food, including seed treatment products, to display the following label statement, "If this pest control product is to be used on a commodity that may be exported to the U.S. and you require information on acceptable residue levels in the U.S., contact 1-866-375-4648 or www.cropro.org/" on the secondary panel under the heading titled "Use Precautions" or "Precautions." This requirement will come into effect immediately for new products as they are registered, and will be phased in by notification (see Regulatory Directive DIR2001-04, *Notification/Non-notification*), amendment or renewal of current registrations.