

Report of Group E:

Regulatory Issues and Initiatives With Focus on Industry Issues

Major Issues Discussed

- ◆ Need for:
 - Responsive, transparent, predictable regulatory process
 - Supportive political environment (overall policies)
- ◆ Growers of specialty crops feel 'isolated' by lack of information
- ◆ Future Regulatory environment uncertain (ie: loss of old compounds)

Major Issues Discussed (2)

- ◆ Information exchange (data)
- ◆ Migration of agricultural production in one country to other regions and/or countries
- ◆ Global sourcing patterns by Food Chain
- ◆ Low availability of new active substances
- ◆ Role of international bodies (OECD, FAO, EPPO)

Major Issues Discussed (3)

- ◆ Lack of coordinated representation of growers across borders

Number of Political Issues Identified

- ◆ Recognized importance of these issues
- ◆ Minor Use growers need to improve organization, and political intervention on the minor use issues
- ◆ Not sure how much Summit can affect but wish to make a statement

Regulatory Impact on Minor Uses

Regulations should take into account the continued availability of pest management tools

- ◆ the risk of resistance development
 - ◆ Appropriate requirements for minimum levels of chemical diversity should be agreed (for example, in collaboration with EPPO), such as 3 different effective modes of action, with no cross resistance
- ◆ Avoid creating, or making worse, situations where a minimum level of chemical diversity is not available
- ◆ Food security

Regulatory Impact on Minor Uses

Fully supports initiatives which provide incentives for minor crop use extensions such as:

- additional data protection
- dedicated funding (public or other) to help meet minor use needs and regulatory requirements
 - ◆ importance public funding
 - ◆ importance of research
- different regulatory incentives (for example appropriate data requirements) for reduced risk chemicals (ie: example semiochemicals, and biological insecticides)

Recommendations

◆ **Communications**

- Identify Needs of Growers
- Need mechanism for growers to communicate needs

◆ **Must be strategic**

- Need global awareness of where issues are currently as well as where issues may arise in the future

◆ **Recommendation**

- Support development of database to identify grower priorities

Recommendations

◆ Communication

- Improve understanding of general public
 - ◆ Meaning of MRLs
 - ◆ Support risk based and science based analyses
 - ◆ As we discuss facilitating registrations for minor uses must communicate that public safety is not compromised in these efforts

◆ Recommendation

Regulatory authorities develop communication messages on these issues

Recommendations

◆ Evaluation Procedures

- Strongly support joint global data evaluations
- Build mutual confidence in and among global regulatory authorities
- Need to address ways to ensure/encourage minor uses are included to the extent possible with the initial submissions

◆ Recommendation

Extend bi- tri- or multi-lateral work to include addition of minor uses (as well as initial submissions)

Recommendations

◆ MRL Harmonization

- harmonized MRLs must result from multi-lateral efforts
- simultaneous registration

◆ Codex

- industry is seeking MRLs
- support efforts to address issue of national authorities recognizing Codex MRLs

Recommendations

◆ Data

- Need to address issue of posting information on available data that may be useful for minor use registrations (ie: inventory of studies completed in order to be aware that specific work has been done)
- Various types of databases exist
 - Europe / North America
 - Australia (protected data is listed with regulatory decision only)

◆ Recommendation

- support databases with this information
- Database linkages critical