Current Issues Affecting MRL Harmonization

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Issues Impacting MRLs

- CODEX
- Countries Setting their own MRLs
- Differing Data Requirements and Standards
- Changing Practices
- Increasing Costs, Regulatory Burdens and Challenges

CODEX

- Real Improvements made over the last decade
- Significantly more MRLs approved
- CODEX MRLs still generally come after approvals by other regulatory authority –CODEX can't work on MRL until a registration is issued by a country
- Real concerns about tight resources for both FAO and WHO. WHO needs \$\$, FAO needs experts – especially to catch up
- Still real challenges achieving agreement from major participants – EU, Australia, etc.

Countries Setting Own MRLs

- Several doing for years
 - US driven by statutory requirement
 - Canada still have default –rumored to be moving away from default
 - EU –still have default
 - Japan still have default
- More in Process
 - Taiwan
 - South Korea
 - APEC document from Australia circulated at the CODEX meeting

Differing Requirements and Standards

- All require toxicology data
- All require residue data
- All require a label representative of the generated data
- Not all assess the tox and residue data in the same way
- Residue definitions not always the same
- Not all recognize crop groups in the same way
- Full registrations or import tolerances? Allowable?

Changing Practices

- Calculation of Short Term Dietary Intake
 - Use of MRL rather than residue value-overestimates risk
- Acceptance of Global Residue Trials
 - US and Canada project –presented at CODEX
- Impact of Uncertainty Factors
 - US FQPA 10x
 - EU discussion with respect to the Risk Principles for CODEX
- Impact of Dietary consumption assumptions and differences
- Impact of Drinking water risk assessments

Increasing Costs and Regulatory Challenges

- Cost of bringing a new ai to the market
 - Approaching 300 million –over 50% increase since turn of the century – environmental safety and tox data
 - Time to market has increased from 8 years in 1995 to 11 years in 2014
 - Industry spent over 2.6 billion in 2014 bringing new technology to the global marketplace
- Increasing cost to defend existing products
- Increasing Challenges Environmental Risk

Thank You