

MRL Progress Since 2005 & Lessons Learned

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I. How has the MRL Process Improved in Last Decade:

- Overall Awareness of MRLs by governments, registrants, commodities, including team of experts in each
- Easier Access to MRL information
- Registrant coordinated MRL strategies for new compounds
- IR-4 Minor Use Summits



I. How has the MRL Process Improved in Last Decade (con't):

- Gradual MRL transitions in markets
- Once MRL transition occurs, stability/management
- Codex 5/8 process
- Japan import tolerance policy
- Australia MRL system
- Reactions to violations
- APEC document
- SF MRL Conference



Holiday Inn Fisherman's Wharf; Our MRL home for a decade.

II. Specific Examples of MRL Successes: Hops

75% of crop exported, \$223 million to over 73 countries

Successes:

- Codex: 31 hop MRLs
- Japan: All MRLs needed obtained
- Hong Kong: 51 hop MRLs
- Taiwan: zero to 34 MRLs in last three years
- Australia: 32 new MRLs in last two years
- Canada: 22 MRLs in last decade

Challenges:

- Korea currently 3 MRLs, need over 60
- China: currently 24 MRLs, need over 40
- Merchant restrictions

Coordination with EU hop industry



II. Specific Examples of MRL Successes: Cranberries

33% of crop exported, \$285 million to 99 countries; not fresh

Successes:

- Codex: 25 cranberry MRLs since 2006
- Japan: All MRLs needed obtained
- Hong Kong: 42 cranberry MRLs
- Taiwan: 54 MRLs in place incl. priorities
- Australia: 33 new MRLs in last three years
- Canada: 42 cranberry MRLs
- EU: Chlorothalonil challenge

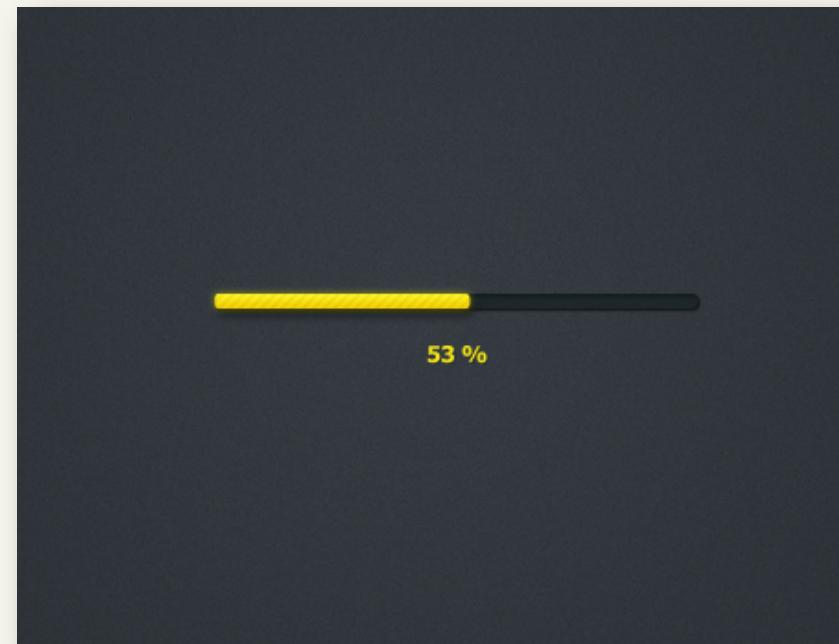
Challenges:

- EU: MRL needs on priority compounds and potential to lose MRLs
- Korea currently 6 MRLs, need over 60
- China: currently 14 MRLs, need over 50
- Handler restrictions



III. Where we Need to Go

- China: Import Tolerances
- The next country's MRL overhaul: India? Vietnam? Mexico? Gulf?
- Standardized submission packages
- Codex Capacity
- Generic Compound Challenges
- Harmonized MRL levels
- Acting on neighbor's issues
- Sanctions Policies



Thank You!

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