

Global MRL Challenges

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Presentation Overview

- **Discussion of Challenges**
 - Information
 - Process
 - Policy/Regulations
- **Harmonization Opportunities**
- **Considerations to Address Challenges**

Global MRL Challenges: Information

- **Keeping up-to-date with regulations and procedures for countries to export commodities to.**
- **Multiple national agencies often involved in setting MRLs; important to know role of each.**
- **Obtaining current, accurate, timely knowledge of MRLs established or amended and basis.**
- **Determining and understanding different data requirements to establish MRLs set by national authorities often difficult; maximize the usage of data generated. Need for efficacy data.**
- **Testing methods change with advances in technology and science.**

Global MRL Challenges: Process

- **How to interact with national authorities and provide comments to be considered in the decisions.**
- **Dealing with differences in MRLs established.**
- **Various levels of transparency in MRL setting process in national authorities.**
- **Enforcement procedures and penalties vary among national authorities.**
- **Procedures and priorities for setting import only MRLs differ by country.**
- **Capacity limitations of Codex.**

Global MRL Challenges: Policy and Regulation

- **MRLs in jeopardy because of government re-evaluations.**
- **Multiple agencies often involved in setting national MRLs (*Also an informational challenge*).**
- **National regulatory authorities set MRLs differently.**
- **Codex MRL intended to be an international standard but more and more individual countries setting their own MRLs.**
- **Existence of default MRLs differs by country.**
- **Private standards established if public confidence in national regulatory processes is not high.**

Global MRL Challenges: Policy and Regulation

- **No MRL established in country of export; different MRLs established in country of origin and country of export.**
- **Different national safety standards to be met in establishing the MRL; different calculations of risk.**

Harmonization Opportunities

- **Crop grouping.**
- **MRL calculation.**
- **Uniform test protocols and format of studies.**
- **Interpretation of residue field trials.**
- **Number of residue field trials need to establish a domestic MRL and an import MRL.**
- **Residue definition.**
- **Review schedules.**

Thoughts to Promote Progress

- **Each stakeholder – industry, grower groups, national regulators, international bodies – should all decide what they could do to promote harmonization and taking on the global MRL challenges; and, then coordinate and unify efforts.**
- **Not unattainable.**
- **Takes focusing and continual effort until accomplished.**
- **Critical to make it happen.**

Questions??
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