



International Initiatives

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International Work is Essential to Achieving OPP Goals

- International marketplace
- Impact on U.S. health and environment.
- International acceptance of safer products.
- Opportunities to collaborate on international fora



OPP International Goals

❑ **Goal #1: Strengthening Protection**

- Strengthen food safety, public health and environmental protection, domestically and globally

❑ **Goal # 2: Enhance Regulatory Decisions through Collaboration**

- Improve science base and enhance regulatory efficiency by leveraging scientific and regulatory resources with the international community

❑ **Goal # 3: Conserve Resources**

- Conserve resources of U.S. consumers, growers, and industry stakeholders through more efficient and coordinated regulatory processes

❑ **Goal # 4: Minimize Barriers**

- Minimize international trade issues related to pesticide regulatory requirements & facilitate trade and fair competition



NAFTA Technical Working Group on Pesticides

Joint Reviews

Pollinator Protection

- Two products approved for the Varroa mite
- Opportunity for US, CAN and MX to work together to protect the Monarch butterfly

MRLs

- Importance of regulatory cooperation on MRLs
- Codex Forum is an international forum for MRLs



U.S.-Canada Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC)

- ❑ Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC) built on the success of NAFTA initiatives; it was implemented in 2011. The RCC seeks to advance the US and Canadian regulatory relationships across multiple sectors to further transparency, alignment, and coordination.
- ❑ For OPP, initial efforts included initiatives to remove obstacles to, and encourage joint submission of, use-expansions and fully aligned labels, and to develop joint guidelines and aligned data collection processes and procedures for residue trials.
- ❑ Current projects continue to build on the initial progress and include: joint IT solutions, joint product chemistry reviews, and pollinator protection.
- ❑ EPA is working with PMRA to develop initiatives for the next phase of RCC work.



Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC)

- ❑ Early successes
 - Increased cooperation and joint submissions
 - Developed joint guidelines
 - Aligned processes for residue trials

- ❑ On-going efforts
 - IT solutions
 - Product chemistry reviews
 - Pollinator protection



Other Opportunities and Technical Assistance

- Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)
- Chemical, commodity, and country specific assistance
- International visitors and bilateral assistance



Other Bilateral Technical Cooperation and Assistance Projects: Overview

- ❑ Wide range of diverse activities with international partners, from long term involvement in joint reviews of chemicals to informational briefings with visitors interested in learning about the U.S. pesticide regulatory system.
- ❑ Strategic choice to focus on relatively few priority bilateral efforts (NAFTA, RCC) with most potential for direct benefit to OPP's work and strategic goals



Other Initiatives

- ❑ Work closely with USDA/FDA on chemical, commodity, and country specific issues as they arise and provide technical support.
- ❑ Examines protocols received by USDA/FAS for grants to support data generation and research towards resolving MRL issues.
 - These have included protocols from tree fruit, caneberry, blueberry, cranberry, tree nut producers in the U.S.
- ❑ Assist, where possible, with getting U.S. exports into foreign markets



Summary

- Many opportunities
- Continuing to make progress on international harmonization initiatives
- Success depends on coordination across various US Federal Agencies, other national authorities, International Organizations, and stakeholders
- Stakeholder initiatives complement government initiatives