Regulatory Coherence & Standards for Crop Protection Products: An Industry Perspective

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Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs)

- What are MRLs?
  - allowable levels of crop protection products
  - based on use as recommended on product label
- Why are they necessary?
  - protection against diseases, pests, etc.
  - vast movements of agricultural commodities around the world
- What happens if MRLs are inconsistent or nonexistent?
  - inability to use crop protection products
  - shipments denied entry
Opportunities for Regulatory Cooperation

- Consistent residue definitions
  - for risk assessment and enforcement
  - inclusion of metabolites and degradation products
  - promotion of public confidence
- Joint review of new active substances
  - expansion of existing cooperation
  - EU coordination through EFSA
  - promotion of mutual trust and public credibility
Opportunities for Regulatory Cooperation

- Consistent regulatory data requirements
  - common crop groupings
  - common representative crops for each group
  - common rules for data extrapolation from one crop to another
  - common minimum number of trials for each group
Opportunities for Regulatory Cooperation

- Reliance on good laboratory practices (GLP)
  - continued recognition of common GLP standards
  - mutual acceptance of data developed using GLP
  - supervision of GLP labs and studies
- Consistent data formats
  - study information summaries and evaluations
  - common electronic formats
  - greater regulatory efficiency
Thank you.