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For the Office Director

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Meeting with Fipronil Task Force and Several Product Registrants. On June 2nd, the HED/RABIV fipronil team and representation from the HED/IO, met with the Fipronil Task Force (FTF) and multiple fipronil product registrants and contract representation. The FTF reviewed the potential refinements for fipronil residential and aggregate risks estimates first presented in a May 19th meeting with EPA. Potential refinements for the dietary exposure assessment were introduced including:

- the use of percent crop treated information for rice;
- PDP data for several commodities;
- anticipated residues for meat and milk; and
- the potential removal of several uses of fipronil.

The registrant will be submitting a white paper for HED review detailing all potential refinements presented in the May 19th and June 2nd meetings. (Wade Britton, 202-566-2137)

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USDA/EPA Public Meeting Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues. USDA's Codex Office and EPA convened a public meeting on June 2nd. The objective of the public meeting was to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States positions to be discussed at the 53rd Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR-53) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. The agenda and discussion papers for CCPR-53 are available at: [HYPERLINK "https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=53"]. (Aaron Niman, 202-566-2177)

Joint Meeting of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (CCLAC) and Africa (CCAFRICA) on 53nd Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR-53). The U.S. Delegation to CCPR is preparing for CCPR-53 on July 7-13 and held a joint colloquium with Codex Member Countries of CCLAC and CCAFRICA. The purpose of the meeting was

to discuss the CCPR-53 agenda and country positions on a range of CCPR topics, including:

- crop group proposals,
- the status of a CCPR working groups,
- CCPR's review schedule, and
- a request for national registration information.

The deliberation with CCLAC and CCAFRICA will be incorporated into U.S. positions on CCPR-53 agenda topics and used to promote international collaboration on Codex-related food safety and international trade issues involving the use of pesticides in crop protection. (David Miller, 202-566-2162)

Chemical	Deliverable	Branch
Difenoconazole	Human Health Risk Assessment	RAB IV

For HED

RAB IV Completed a Draft Human Health Risk Assessment for New Seed Treatment Use of Difenoconazole. RAB IV completed a draft human health risk assessment for difenoconazole for a proposed new seed treatment use on pea and bean, dried shelled, except soybean, subgroup 6C. The prior toxicological endpoint selections were unchanged. No new or revised tolerances were needed to cover the proposed use. The prior dietary, residential, and aggregate risk assessments were unchanged. The occupational handler exposure assessment was updated for this risk assessment and no risks of concern were identified. The RAB IV risk assessment team included: Bonnie Cropp-Kohlligian, Alexis Hardie, Minerva Mercado-Feliciano, and Zachery Staley. (Bonnie Cropp-Kohlligian, 202-566-1914)