

Information Session: Transition Strategies

The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) invites you to attend a 2 hour information session on transition Strategies. Information will be presented in the first half of the session, followed by a question period.

What: This information session will outline and discuss the transition strategy process, objectives and goals.

Hosted by: the Pest Management Regulatory Agency

When: 2:00- 4:00 pm, March 31, 2008

Where: The Hampton Inn Conference Centre, Ottawa ON

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Background

The PMRA's pesticide re-evaluation program is the review of pesticide active ingredients and their end-use products on the basis of updated data and information to determine whether, and under what conditions, their continued registration is acceptable. In making re-evaluation decisions, PMRA considers potential risks as well as the value of pesticide products to ensure they meet modern standards established to protect human health and the environment. Pesticide active ingredients, or active ingredients in end-use products, that were registered in Canada prior to December 31st, 1994 and their currently registered end-use products will be or are currently under re-evaluation.

The outcome of PMRA's assessments under the re-evaluation program is a proposed Regulatory decision on the acceptability of the active ingredient and its end-use products for continuing registration. This proposed decision considers all aspects of the Canadian uses as they affect the human and environmental safety of the product. On the basis of the outcome of the assessment, the proposed decision could range from retaining registration with no changes, to amending label instructions, to modifying existing maximum residue limits (MRLs), to eliminating or phasing-out certain uses or formulations, to loss of registration.

For certain critical uses of pesticides being phased-out through the Re-evaluation Program, the PMRA is committed to working with stakeholders toward a reasonable transition process. To this end, the PMRA is providing discussion forums for affected commodity groups. This will help encourage and facilitate the transition to safer alternatives through assisting commodity groups with the development of management strategies to transition to lower risk pesticides and management practices.