

Session 13c.

PERSUAP Stocktaking + Way Forward

Sector mini-session presentation and roundtable discussion

Objectives

Brief a consultative stocktaking conducted to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of AFR's current PERSUAP process for complying with 22 CFR 216.3(b) and best assuring pesticide safer use in an IPM context. Brief one possible way forward, gather feedback and alternate ideas via a roundtable discussions

Summary

AFR commissioned a consultative stocktaking to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the current PERSUAP process for complying with 22 CFR 216.3(b) and best assuring pesticide safer use in an IPM context. The purpose was both to take stock of the current process and to recommend ways forward to strengthen and reduce the transaction costs of compliance to best assure safer use in an IPM context.

The stocktaking effort identified a number of concerns regarding the current process, including: high transaction costs, efficacy in assuring safer use and IPM, with too much effort spent on PERSUAP development on not enough on implementation and monitoring.

The consultants offered the following recommendations, which constitute one possible way forward for AFR's approach to pesticide compliance:

1. **Separate the PER from the SUAP, with mandatory BEO clearance only for the PER**
2. **Via a PEA, develop a set of pesticides preapproved for specific uses and with specific use conditions in AFR programs.** Preapproval is subject to host country registration & identified pest control need.
3. **Put the output of the PEA ("preapproved" pesticides, uses, use conditions, toxicological profile information, env. fate) into an IP-accessible database, updated annually.**
4. **Develop a streamlined structure/template for the PER.** This would be based on a standard information form for each pesticide, elements of which could be automatically populated by the database.
5. **Assemble resources for SUAP development and implementation**
6. **Fund pilot tests of this approach with a few "typical" program PERSUAPs.**
7. **For pilot tests, fund 3rd-party review of/support for SUAP development & field compliance.**
8. **Train in new compliance approach**
9. **Develop model pesticides compliance/IPM language for use in solicitations and awards where pesticide procurement/use is anticipated**

This mini-session presentation briefs this stocktaking effort and outlines this possible way forward for feedback.

Key Resources

- Presentation: PERSUAP Stocktaking + Way Forward
- Handout: PER Way Forward Mock-Up