

## **MINUTES OF THE 50<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (APTAC) HELD ON 13-07-2016**

The 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of Agricultural Pesticide Technical Advisory Committee (APTAC) was held in the committee room of the Ministry of National Food Security and Research (MNFS&R) at Islamabad on 13.07.2016, under the chairmanship of Secretary, MNFS&R (List of Participants is attached at Annexure-A).

Item wise discussion and decision are recorded as below.

### **ITEM NO.1 CONSIDERATION FOR NEW REGISTRATION/LABEL EXPANSION**

The Department of Plant Protection placed before the APTAC the list of new insecticides / fungicides / herbicides for registration on Form – 1 and label expansions of already registered insecticides / fungicides / herbicides and locally manufactured pesticides in Pakistan as per the Annexure- B alongwith the following recommendations of APTA Sub- Committee for consideration and discussion:

- 1) All products in attached list annexed-B included Mover Plus 4.3% G on Form-1 against crop's pests/diseases/weeds will be forwarded for consideration of APTAC.
- 2) PHI period of the product should be printed on the label by the importer and recommended that rule 14 should be amended for legal cover.
- 3) Crop Life Pakistan and Pakistan Crop Protection Association would start a pilot project regarding on MRL and PHI period in Chili areas especially district Umerkot and Mirpur Khas.

#### **After detailed discussion the Committee decided that:**

- i) All products in the attached list at Annexed-B for registration on Form -1 against crops pests / diseases / weeds are deferred and will be re-examined by a committee constituted by the Ministry according to check list of Form -1 as per decisions made in 49<sup>th</sup> meeting of APTAC.
- ii) The committee re-examined all the cases and its detail findings are placed at Annex-C. It is recommended by the committee that 53 cases out of 90 are found in order and may be approved by the Chairman, Agriculture Pesticide Technical Advisory Committee (AC)/Secretary, Ministry of National Food Security & Research. Whereas in remaining 37 cases, codal deficiencies were recorded therefore, it is recommended by the committee that the permission may not be granted for registration. The deferred cases may be presented by DPP through Sub-APTAC after addressing the codal deficiencies pointed out by the special Committee in “**Annex-C**” for approval in next APTAC meeting.
- iii) Crop Life and Pakistan Crop Protection Association agreed to start a pilot project regarding PHI period of the products in chilli areas especially district Umerkot and Mirpurkhas to educate the farmers.

**ITEM No-2. STREAMLINING REGISTRATION OF BRAND / TRADE NAME REGISTERED ABROAD)**

The Department of Plant Protection informed the committee that some importers have obtained registration of registered brand / trade name from Trade Mark Registry (IPO) Pakistan whereas the said brand / trade name are also registered abroad in favour of manufacturer in the country of origin. The Department is facing problems for further issuance of import permission certificate of the same brand name under Form-17 from the manufacturer abroad and placed following three recommendations of Sub-APTAC on the issue.

- 1) The importer may not obtain registration of the same brand / trade name as already granted by the Department of Plant Protection on Form-17 (registered abroad scheme).
- 2) The Department may grant import permission of the product under brand name according to rule 9A and local brand name as given by the importers registered with IPO would be specified on the bottom of the import permission certificate for traceability.
- 3) Amendment in Rule 10A made vide SRO 230(I)/2009 to accommodate recommendation of the Sub Committee vide S. No. 2 as mentioned above.

**After detailed discussion the Committee decided that:**

The matter is sub judice, let this case be decided first by the Honourable High Court of Sindh, whereas the decision to rescind SRO 230(I)/2009 has already been taken in 48<sup>th</sup> APTAC.

**ITEM NO. 3 ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT NEUTRAL QUALITY CONTROL ACCREDITED LABORATORY IN PAKISTAN TO ABOLISH PSI REQUIREMENT FOR THE IMPORT OF PESTICIDE**

The Department of Plant Protection informed the committee that as per decision in 49<sup>th</sup> APTAC held on 16-04-2015, it was proposed that Crop Life Pakistan and Pakistan Crop Protection Association (PCPA) may develop a proposal to establish an accredited lab in the country and this lab may work under an independent governing board and 25% fee of lab analysis may be granted to Department of Plant Protection for laboratory development. As per recommendation of the Sub-APTAC, the matter was placed before the APTAC for further deliberation & decision.

**After detailed discussion the Committee decided that:**

There is a need of more home work with the stakeholders/concerned authorities for establishment of an independent Neutral Quality Control Accredited Lab in Pakistan. Chairman Sub-APTAC to consult all stakeholders and come up with a concrete proposal.

**ITEM NO. 4 GRANT OF RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION FOR SHORTER PERIOD THEN 3 YEARS**

The Department of Plant Protection informed the house about the recommendations of APTA Sub-Committee that

- a) The Department may consider registration / Import Permission Certificates / renewal of the product on Form-1 for a minimum period of one year wherein permanent registration (PD) exist in the country of origin in favour of the manufacturer, if the registration is valid for minimum 2 months at the time of renewal / registration.
- b) In case of provisional registration of a product with the manufacture, Import Permission Certificate may be granted / renewed for 06 months, if the certificate is valid for minimum 2 months at the time of registration / renewal.

**After detailed discussion the Committee decided that:**

This issue be handled under the provisions of Rule 9(A) of APR-1973

**ITEM NO. 5 VERIFICATION / ATTESTATION BY PAKISTAN EMBASSY**

The Department of Plant Protection informed the house about the recommendations of APTA Sub-Committee that “the Department may accept notarized copy of registration or check the proof of registration from the web site only in renewal cases for other countries also at par with renewal cases of China to renew on the basis of Chinese official web site”.

**After detailed discussion the Committee decided that:**

Rule 3 of APR, 1973 amended vide SRO 1017/(I)/2014 dated 05-11-2014 was decided in 48<sup>th</sup> APTAC meeting held on 04.02.2014 after a detailed deliberation and with the consent of APTAC, therefore the Department should continue this practice as per law recently amended.

**ITEM NO.6 SURRENDER OF FORM-17 REGISTRATION AFTER OBTAINING FORM-1 REGISTRATION**

The Department of Plant Protection informed the house about the recommendations of APTA Sub-Committee that the importer may obtain registration on Form – 1, when they complete all the target crops & pests on Form – 1.

**After detailed discussion:**

The APTAC unanimously approved to obtain registration on Form – 1 after completion of codal formalities as per Form – 1 and then surrender Import Permission Certificate of the same product on Form-17.

**ITEM NO. 7 ADDITION OF TECHNICAL SOURCE ON FORM-1 FOR LOCAL MANUFACTURING / REGISTRATION**

The Department of Plant Protection informed the house about the recommendations of APTA Sub-Committee that only one additional source of technical grade material of pesticides from the manufacturer having the same purity registered in the country of origin may be accepted.

**After detailed discussion:**

The Committee deferred the recommendation and directed that the Department should replace alternate source in registration certificates within 07 days if application is complete in all respects as per Rule 9(9) of APR 1973 as amended vide SRO 1012(I)/14.

**ITEM NO. 8 REVIEW TO SKIP THE REQUIREMENT OF GLP / INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITED LAB DATA FOR TOXICOLOGICAL STUDIES FOR REGISTRATION UNDER FORM-1 AS LOCAL MANUFACTURER IN PAKISTAN**

The department of Plant Protection informed the house about the recommendations of APTA Sub-Committee to constitute an expert committee to visit the Research institute like HEJ, PCSIR, NIBGE and NIAB etc to check the capability of their laboratories to generate data for toxicological studies for registration under Form – 1 for local manufacturing in Pakistan.

**After detailed discussion the Committee decided that:**

- i) Requirement of GLP / Accredited lab data for toxicological studies for registration should be in accordance with the check list of Form-1 as per existing law / rules.
- ii) The Department of Plant Protection should put up PC-I for up gradation and to enhance the capabilities of the Federal Testing and Reference Lab (FPTRL) of the Department.

**ITEM NO.9 REVIEW OF SRO 230(I)/2009**

The department of Plant Protection informed the house about the recommendations of APTA Sub-Committee that APTAC may revisit the issue for final decision.

**After detailed discussion the Committee decided that:**

This matter has already been discussed and decided in the 48<sup>th</sup> APTAC meeting. There appears no need to revisit the issue.

**ITEM NO. 10      ANY OTHER ITEMS WITH THE PERMISSION OF CHAIR**

The Department of Plant Protection informed the house that the Director General (Pest Warning & Quality Control of Pesticides) Punjab has submitted additional agenda item regarding amendment in the manner of label vide Rule 14 & 15 of Agricultural Pesticide Rules 1973.

**After detailed discussion the Committee decided that:**

The matter is referred to the APTA Sub Committee to discuss the proposed amendments including PHI period recommended under item No. 1 in rule 14 & 15 within two weeks and then put up to APTAC for final decision.

