

# OUTCOMES OF MEETINGS OF THE APVMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Meeting: APVMA26 – CANBERRA, 28 June 2007**

## STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

### Updates on external reviews of the APVMA

The Board noted a further progress report on implementing the recommendations and suggestions from the 2006 ANAO Performance Audit. Management advised that work is proceeding on schedule and anticipates most actions being completed during 2007-08.

The Board was also briefed on progress toward implementing changes to the APVMA's corporate governance arrangements in particular:

- the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Amendment Bill 2007* received Royal Assent on 22 June enabling implementation of the new governance arrangements on 1 July 2007
- the APVMA Audit Committee has considered and endorsed a Uhrig Readiness Audit Report prepared by an independent consultant with the overall finding that there were no major impediments to implementing the executive management model as of 1 July
- noted and approved an APVMA Situation Report setting out the key focus areas of the Board to 30 June 2007 and suggesting possible areas for attention by the incoming Advisory Board
- advice from Management that most of the necessary revisions to in-house APVMA operational procedures have been completed with only some minor actions to be finalised.

## CHEMICAL REVIEWS

### Dimetridazole

The Board determined the reconsideration of veterinary chemical products containing dimetridazole (DMZ) and the associated labels and agreed to release the Final Review Report and Regulatory Decision. DMZ products were registered for the treatment and prevention of protozoal infections namely swine dysentery in pigs, blackhead in poultry and game birds, and canker in pigeons and caged birds.

Documentation relating to reconsideration of dimetridazole is available on the APVMA website at [www.apvma.gov.au/chemrev/dimetridazole.shtml](http://www.apvma.gov.au/chemrev/dimetridazole.shtml)

### Methyl Bromide

The Board determined the reconsideration of fumigant products containing methyl bromide and the associated labels and agreed to release the Final Review Report and Regulatory Decision. The reconsideration largely formalises actions already underway concerning the use of methyl bromide in agriculture and related uses pursuant to Australia's commitment as a signatory to the *Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer*.

Documentation relating to reconsideration of methyl bromide is available on the APVMA website at [www.apvma.gov.au/chemrev/methyl\\_bromide.shtml](http://www.apvma.gov.au/chemrev/methyl_bromide.shtml)

### **Dichlorvos**

The Board agreed to release the Preliminary Review Findings of the review of the organophosphorous insecticide dichlorvos for three months public comment. Dichlorvos products are registered in Australia for use in controlling a wide variety of insects in domestic, commercial and industrial situations

Documentation relating to reconsideration of dichlorvos is available on the APVMA website at [www.apvma.gov.au/chemrev/dichlorvos.shtml](http://www.apvma.gov.au/chemrev/dichlorvos.shtml)

The Board also received updates on other chemical reviews, in particular the reviews of atrazine diazinon, dimethoate, fenitrothion, fenthion and virginiamycin.

### **OTHER APVMA26 OUTCOMES**

The Board also:

- noted the Annual Report of the APVMA Audit Committee for the 2006-07 financial year
- endorsed a proposed methodology to meet the new compliance reporting requirements for agencies operating under the provisions of the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*; Management will proceed to compile the first report covering 2006-07 for submission to the Dept of Finance and Administration, as required, by October 2007
- noted an in-house information paper comparing the alignment of Australian environmental data requirements and assessment methodologies with other OECD member countries.

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