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### Déjà vu ACVM workshop

Following the success of the 2013 ACVM registrant workshops, we are holding another workshop on Thursday, 27 February 2014, in Auckland at the Villa Maria Estate (pictured). The workshop will focus mainly on registration information requirements and applications.

General information will be covered in the morning and separate agricultural chemical/veterinary medicine sessions will be held in the afternoon.

The last page of this issue of *ACVM News and Views* is a registration form. Registrations are due by **14 February**.

(Note: Villa Maria will give a 15% discount on wines purchased from their cellar on this day.)



If you have any queries, email [Maree Zinzley](mailto:Maree.Zinzley@mpi.govt.nz).

### Data protection update

In September 2013 MPI had a constructive meeting with members of AVMAC to discuss some of the technical and operational aspects of the data protection proposals agreed by Cabinet.

Since then MPI has been considering the suggestions made during this meeting along with other matters related to progressing this amendment. We are aware that a number of stakeholders and registrants have considerable interest in this area.

## **Organophosphate/Carbamate (OPC) reassessment**

In November 2013 MPI provided an update to registrants and relevant stakeholders on proposals for the reassessment of OPC pesticide based products. All these products will require reassessment in relation to label changes to comply with revised EPA controls, but five OPCs (acephate, diazinon, fenamiphos, maldison, and methamidophos) have dietary intake concerns.

MPI advised in the update that we have further refined dietary intake exposure for the five OPCs in question. Bearing in mind most are being phased out over time, MPI considers the dietary intake exposure can be managed for all except diazinon. The dietary intake exposure for diazinon is still problematic.

Comment was sought by registrants and relevant stakeholders by early December 2013. MPI has received a number of submissions and we are currently considering these. Following our review of submissions, it may be appropriate to arrange a meeting in the New Year for further discussion.

We hope there will be sufficient consensus to agree on the changes to registrations that will be made under the reassessment.

The required EPA controls must be in place by 1 July 2015. Therefore, reassessment of OPC pesticide based products under the ACVM Act must be completed in sufficient time to allow registrants to amend labels to include changes from both the EPA and MPI reassessments.

## **Change to research approval requirements**

Under the ACVM Act, research approvals fall into the category of 'approval in special circumstances' (section 8C). As such, we need to know that any hazardous substances involved in the research have an appropriate HSNO approval prior to issuing an approval.

From now on, we will require information on HSNO status in support of research approval applications. Our application form is being changed to reflect this requirement.

## **Application forms and ACVM documents update**

### **Forms**

Our recent customer survey and feedback from Agcarm have been very helpful in progressing the new Product Data Sheet forms for veterinary medicine and agricultural chemical registration. As requested, the new PDS forms are not 'protected' so they will be easy to cut and paste. Guidelines (with examples) to help complete the forms will also be available and we strongly recommend you use them.

In light of the suggestions made on the PDS forms, we are changing the provisional registration and research approval forms as well.

The new forms and guidelines will be available as soon after the holidays as possible.

### **Documents**

The MPI Standards Branch has finalised its new templates for requirements and guidelines documents. This means that we can now convert ACVM documents from NZFSA or MAF branding to MPI.

As we reformat each document, we will check the content for current relevance. If we believe a requirements document needs revision, industry will be consulted on proposed changes. (Consultation will be on one document at a time so we don't overload you!)

We will use *News and Views* to let you know when our documents are rebranded. You can safely assume that there are no significant changes to any requirements documents that are rebranded without consultation.

## MRL update

Submissions on the current round of MRLs closed on 7 October 2013, but finalisation has been delayed because of a submission MPI received. As a consequence, MRLs for this round will not be finalised early in the New Year. We realise this delay may cause issues for products waiting for MRLs.

For further details, please contact Hilary Eade ([Hilary.Eade@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:Hilary.Eade@mpi.govt.nz)) in the Policy Branch of MPI.

## Winding up the year

December is always a busy month for us, but this year brought an extra challenge. We moved from Level 11 to Level 2 in Pastoral House and have been working hard to get to 'the new normal'. Everyone here is looking forward to the Christmas break!

Our office will be closed from 24 December 2013 to 6 January 2014. During this period, if you have an urgent enquiry (emergencies only) contact Maree Zinzley (029 894 2564).

We have encouraged staff to take extra time off for a much needed rest, so the office will not be operating at full strength until the end of January.

***We wish you all  
a safe and happy  
holiday season.***

***Merry Christmas!***





## ACVM Workshop Registration Form

Thursday, 27 February 2014, 9.00 - 4.30

Villa Maria Estate, 118 Montgomerie Road, Mangere, Auckland

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### My suggestions for topics:

There is a small charge of \$70 per person to cover morning tea/afternoon tea and lunch.  
A receipt will be issued for any payments made.

Payment options:

Invoice

Direct Debit – Westpac Govt Branch, Wellington 03-0049-0001709-02 (use ACVM Workshop as Ref)

Credit card as below

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date \_\_\_/\_\_\_

Type of card (VISA or Mastercard) \_\_\_\_\_

Card holder's name \_\_\_\_\_

Card holder's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the completed registration form electronically by **Friday, 14 February 2014** to:  
[approvals@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:approvals@mpi.govt.nz)

The agenda will be advised at a later date.