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Project Update - Pesticide Maximum Residue Level Compliance and Enforcement

Purpose: Information
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**8th Food Safety Cooperation Forum
28-29 May 2021**

Pesticide MRL Compliance and Enforcement



Issue:

Agricultural trade can be disrupted when MRL non compliances occur.

Goal:

Enable trade and avoid unnecessary rejection of safe food by establishing best practices for MRL compliance and enforcement methods.



Pesticide MRL Compliance and Enforcement



Outcomes and Conclusions:

- MRL non-compliances rarely present actual food safety concern
- Most MRL non-compliance results from missing MRLs as opposed to exceedances of established MRLs
- Flexible, risk-based approaches to MRL enforcement can support food security, prevent destruction of safe food, and facilitate trade



Pesticide MRL Compliance and Enforcement

Events and Opportunities for Engagement

Virtual Workshop Series: *APEC Pesticide MRL Harmonization: A Trade Facilitative Approach to MRL Compliance*

- Next workshop on June 16-17, 2021
- Deliverables will be distributed for discussion to workshop participants on following topics:
 - The Need for Channels of Trade Provisions (draft paper)
 - Best Practices and Considerations when Implementing a Positive List System (draft paper)
 - Survey on Pesticide Perceptions and MRLs and interest in APEC Industry-Led Coalition
- Final workshop to be held in 2022

