

## OTHER NOTICES

### **Amendments to MORAG – Part 7 environment data, application forms and the registration process**

Towards the end of 2009, the APVMA sought stakeholder input and comment on the above three documents. This is to notify stakeholders when these documents will come into effect.

#### **PART 7 – ENVIRONMENT DATA (AG PRODUCTS ONLY)**

The APVMA received a number of comments on the draft proposed new Part 7. A summary of [stakeholder comments and APVMA responses is now available](#). In response to comments, the APVMA has included a number of amendments.

The new Part 7 – Environment data requirements, which have been included in AgMORAG, will come into effect immediately. The APVMA recognises that in some cases, applicants either have completed or nearly completed environment data packages for applications that are soon to be lodged. The APVMA is prepared to consider requests for applications, submitted prior to 4 October 2010, to be screened and assessed against the previous data requirements (1997 version). All applications lodged after 4 October 2010 must comply with the new Part 7 data requirements.

Existing applications, ie applications already lodged with the APVMA, will continue to be screened and assessed against the previous data requirements (1997 version).

#### **APPLICATION FORMS (ALL CATEGORIES)**

The APVMA received a few minor comments that were generally supportive. In the interim, the APVMA has been notified that the processes regarding how pesticides and veterinary medicines are considered for scheduling have been amended by the Department of Health and Aging (DoHA) and came into effect 1 July 2010. To facilitate this change to the scheduling process, some additional questions have been added to the Application Overview. These questions, which are located under *Toxicology*, must be completed if the application is for registration or variation of a product where poison scheduling must be considered.

The changes to the application forms will also be reflected in the Electronic Application and Registration System (EARS). The new application forms came into effect 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010 and all new applications must be use the new forms.

#### **THE REGISTRATION PROCESS**

The APVMA received generally favourable comments supporting the development and inclusion of the Registration Process document. Stakeholders view this document as a useful reference tool to increase the transparency of the APVMA's registration process that can, by its very nature, be a relatively complex matter. The Registration Process has been added to both AgMORAG and VetMORAG.

The APVMA intends to update the Registration Process to reflect changes to the registration process resulting from legislative amendments and process improvements as they occur.

The Registration Process, in the main, reflects current APVMA processes. However, the document does include some process refinements that the APVMA expects to include into its internal business processes during August 2010.

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