

## **MINUTES OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL GROUP ON PPC**

The meeting of the Technical Group of the PPC was held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 3.30 pm in the Office of the Secretary, Central Insecticide Board and Registration Committee, Faridabad. The following members were present:

1. Dr D Kanungo - Chairman
2. Dr D.D.K Sharma - Secretary, CIB&RC, Faridabad
3. Dr. P. K. Chakraborty - ADG (PP), ICAR, MoA&FW
4. Dr B Bera - Director, Research
5. Dr A K Barooah - Director, TRA
6. Dr Radha Krishnan - UPASI-TRF
7. Mr S Patra - Secretary, ITA
8. Dr Jose David - TGBL
9. Mr. G. Boriah - Director, Trustea intriem Secretariat
10. Mr. D. Jayakumar - Wagh Bakri
11. Mr. Tushar Tripathi - Wagh Bakri

Dr. Saminathan, Expert, Bioefficacy in the secretariat of CIB&RC, Faridabad attended as a special invitee.

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### **1. Confirmation of the Last Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> PPC Tech Gr. held on **30<sup>th</sup> May 2017** was circulated to members. In the absence of any comments the same was taken as confirmed.

### **2. Action Taken on the decisions of the last meeting :**

- The Plant Protection Code Ver.9 had been revised as per the decision of the Group and uploaded in the website.
- The meeting has approved inclusion of the new bio-pesticide *Beauveria bassiana* (2.5% WP) in the next version of PPC i.e. Ver.10.
- Tea Board had requested TRA and UPASI-TRF for the details like dose, active against pests, its efficacy and other related information of *Beauveria bassiana* (2.5% WP).

### **3. Inclusion of New Formulation cleared by CIB&RC in PPC**

- a. Tea Board had received a communication from M/s Amit Biotech, Kolkata that CIB&RC had cleared Sulphur 40% SC. Members suggested to include this in the PPC.

- b. Regarding other requests from chemical manufacturers, meeting suggested that until CIB&RC cleared the label claim and all statutory clearance were received by the manufacturers their requests for inclusion in the PPC could not be considered.

#### **4. WTO Notification : Review of MRLs within European Union**

A Communication had been received from Dr. C. Donnelly, Director of Scientific Affairs, PICQ, Tata Global Beverages in regard to a WTO committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures document submitted by European Union titled "ON GOING REVIEW OF MAXIMUM RESIDUE LEVELS OF PESTICIDES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION". The document explains the process in the EU to review the current maximum residue levels for pesticides and how non-EU countries can actively contribute to the reviewing process.

Members observed that this had given an opportunity to non-EU members including India and they should take up their issues at the initial stage of discussions with the scientific panels of EU. After some discussion, meeting requested Dr. Jose David to liaise with Dr. Donelli on a regular basis and take up India's issues relating to chemicals and MRLs and keep the PPC Group informed. TRIs were requested to help Dr. David.

#### **5. Revision of MRLs by FSSAI**

FSSAI had uploaded a draft list of 34 chemicals relating to Tea with revised MRLs on 28<sup>th</sup> December and sought views/comments from the stakeholders within a month. Meeting recalled that there was a meeting between the CEO-FSSAI and Tea Board & Industry representatives where industry representatives requested for alignment of some chemicals with the Codex, MRLs. The list uploaded by FSSAI had considered Codex MRLs for 10 chemicals. Members thanked FSSAI for considering industry's plea. It was noted that TRA, UPASI-TRF and ITA had submitted their views/suggestions to FSSAI within the due date of draft Notification. The meeting requested Tea Board to do the same immediately.

The Secretary, ITA mentioned that FSSAI has been requested for:

- Upward revision of MRLs of certain important chemicals like Quinalphos, Hexaconazole, Propoconazole, Bitertanol, Carfetraxone, Emamectin Benzoate, Copper Oxychloride, etc.
- Inclusion of certain chemicals which were already placed in the PPC like, sulphur, Phosalone, Flufenzine, phosalone, copper oxychloride etc. in the FSSAI list.
- Inclusion of some chemicals like 2,4-D, Cyflumeta, etc. which were earlier in the list but deleted later.

Members enquired about the gazette of final Notification by the FSSAI. Chairman explained that there were different official procedures to comply with and it would take around 6 months to gazette and notify the final Notification.

Chairman mentioned that until CIB&RC provides approval of label claims for those chemicals, the same could not be included in the PPC. TRIs/Chemical Manufacturers should generate data and submit the same to CIB&RC for label claim.

Chairman, thereafter, reminded that the FSSAI list of 34 chemicals would remain valid for 5 years only. FSSAI had no field data for many chemicals. New data would be required for continuation of those chemicals and MRLs. He advised that TRIs should commence the exercise of generation of Bio-efficacy and residue data considering approved GAP, etc. and submit the same to CIB&RC for approval by the Registration committee.

## **6. Submission of Data to CIB&RC and Fixation of Realistic MRLs**

Director TRA reported that through Tea Board Bio-efficacy and Residue data had been submitted to CIB&RC for the chemicals in September 2016 - Quinalphos, bifenthrin, hexaconazole, propiconazole, emamectim benzoate. He requested the Secretary, CIB&RC for ascertaining the status.

Secretary, CIB&RC stated that though the data was in the required format Tea Board was required to submit data in CD, along with chromatogram, printed copy of label leaflets etc. TRI representatives stated that, it would be submitted within a short time. Chairman suggested that Tea Board should submit the required information/documents for all the 9 chemicals for which TRIs had already submitted data to CIB&RC. It was decided that considering the importance of the chemicals in the internal trade and export TRIs would first proceed with the 4 chemicals (Quinalphos, hexaconazole, propiconazole, emamectim benzoate) and thereafter the required information for other chemicals would be submitted to CIB&RC.

## **7. A.O.B**

- a. **National Tea Standards:** There was some discussion at the last meeting of the PPC Group in regard to development of National Tea Standards. Members observed that the Indian Standards (FSSAI, BIS) were already established and aligned to ISO's standards. Any change in the standards would create confusion in the consumers mind and better should be avoided.
- b. **Monocrotophos:** Trade representatives stated that they had been periodically testing tea samples. Discussion was held whether monocrotophos could be allowed in Tea. ITA representatives stated that State Govts had been providing trade licenses to manufactures and users at the grass root level were acquainted with the brand name and not chemical name. The product was cheaply available in all markets and was very effective to tackle pests. Dr. Chakrabarti explained that it was highly toxic and the Govt. would be coming shortly to ban this chemical in agriculture. He advised that the industry should look for cost effective substitutes, discuss with the chemical manufactures. He further advised that Tea Board should conduct target oriented awareness programme in all tea areas on the risk of using this chemical in Tea.
- c. **Testing of Tea samples:** Members observed that till harmonization was done between FSSAI & PPC and realistic MRLs were set up, it would not be worthwhile to do mandatory testing of tea samples as it would create confusion and trade would face difficulties. Chairman consented with the submission.

There being no other business to transact the meeting ended with a Vote of thanks to the Chair.

Minutes Approved

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