

Australian Regulatory Backgrounder

In 2003, the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) announced their reconsideration of 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D) herbicide active constituent approval and product registrations under Section 31(1) of the Agriculture and Veterinary Chemical Code Scheduled to the Agriculture and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 19994 (the AgVet Code).

On July 1 2015, APVMA sent reconsideration notices to all holders of 2,4-D approvals and registrations granted after the program commenced in 2003.

Under Section 32(1) of the AgVet Code, the Authority will include active constituent approval, product registrations and labels approved.

APVMA is reconsidering approvals because of concerns relating to chemistry, toxicology, occupational health and safety, residues and the environment. The basis for reconsideration by APVMA is to ascertain if the active constituent continues to meet the safety criteria set out in Section 5A of the AgVet Code; and if the labels continue to meet the criteria set out in Section 5D of the AgVet Code.

Holders of the approvals and registrations are required to provide any additional information, relevant to the reconsideration, generated since the last approval.

On behalf of Task Force Member Companies Nufarm and Dow AgroSciences and in support of their Australian registrations and approvals, the Industry Task Force II on 2,4-D Research Data submitted proprietary data in response to the APVMA Notice. All data and information was submitted in accordance with the notice.

About the Task Force

The Industry Task Force II on 2,4-D Research Data is organized to provide funding for the on-going Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) research studies required to respond to the US EPA registration review and PMRA pesticide re-evaluation programs. The 2,4-D Task Force is comprised of those companies holding technical 2,4-D registrations: Dow AgroSciences (U.S.), Nufarm, Ltd. (Australia) and Agro-Gor Corp., a U.S. corporation jointly owned by Albaugh, LLC. (U.S.) and PBI-Gordon Corp. (U.S.).

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