



OECD Survey: How Inert Ingredients Are Reviewed & Regulated

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Background & Purpose of Survey

- Regulation of inert ingredients has come under increasing scrutiny in many countries in recent years
- OECD has discussed issues surrounding regulation of inerts at previous meetings
- However, review and regulation of inert ingredients has not been a primary focus of OECD
- Concluded it would be useful to conduct a survey on
 - How inerts are currently reviewed and regulated
 - Plans for the future



Possible Uses of Survey Information

- Provides a baseline of information on current practices
- Provides a basis for:
 - Identifying common issues
 - Possible work sharing opportunities
 - Possible areas for regulatory harmonization
- U.S. has committed to analyzing results



Elements of Proposed Survey

- Inert ingredient regulation
 - Requirements for disclosure of inert ingredients
 - If there are concerns, what regulatory action is taken?
 - Any plans to change how inerts are regulated?
- Inert ingredient assessments
 - Individual inert ingredients or products?
 - Assessment based on hazard, exposure, or both?
 - Human and ecological risk considered?
 - What information is publicly available?
 - Data used & data requirements?
 - Any plans to change how assessments are done?

Status of Survey

- November 2009 OECD meeting agreed to conduct the survey
- Member countries offered a last opportunity to comment on survey questions
 - Most comments centered around what “inert ingredients” should be called
- Survey to be sent to member countries in February
- Anticipated that survey results will be presented & discussed at May 2010 meeting