

Appendix 3

Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority

Chemical Review Process

The following is an overview of the stages of the APVMA's chemical review process.

Nomination	APVMA becomes aware of concerns about a chemical (active constituent), product and label and decides a review is warranted based on credible new scientific information available at the time.
Prioritisation	Review is prioritised based on urgency and nature of the concerns.
Scoping	A detailed outline is prepared about the reason(s) for the review and assessment components to be considered as part of the review (including toxicology, environmental impact, occupational health and safety, residues).
Data call-in	APVMA notifies chemical companies with active constituent approvals and registered products (registrants and approval holders) and asks them to submit data relevant to the scope of the review. APVMA also calls for public submissions which address the current usage of, or problems with, the continued registration of the chemical under review.
Assessment	All submissions and scientific data are evaluated by the APVMA and external advisory Australian Government agencies as appropriate. Depending on the concerns outlined in the scope of the review, these assessments commonly include toxicology, residues, occupational health and safety and environmental safety.
Draft Regulatory Measure	Following the assessment stage, the APVMA develops a draft regulatory approach to the chemical under review.
Consultation	The draft report and draft regulatory measure are released for public comment for up to three months.
Regulatory Decision	Based on evidence gathered during the assessment and consultation phases, the APVMA CEO makes the final decision about the future use of the chemical under review. Note that an interim regulatory decision may be approved if identified risks

	can be managed through modified instructions of use or if generation and evaluation of additional data may be required.
Implementation	Review participants are notified of the outcome and regulatory actions implemented. Outcomes of the review are published in the APVMA Gazette.