



# PRRP – Ethiopia Newsletter

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### **Welcome to PRRP - Ethiopia**

We are continuing on the activities and step by step we make progress. Several workshops were organised on different topics and this newsletter gives an impression of steps we made.

### **Tsehay Azage**

We are very sorry to inform you about the death of our well respected colleague Tsehay Azage. Words cannot express the sadness we feel about the loss of Tsehay Azage. She was very kind, friendly and cooperative to everyone. Her family, friends, Animal and Plant Health Regulatory Directorate and PRRP-Ethiopia team missed the same talented lady.



Tsehay was one of the initiators of the PRRP programme, she was highly committed to her work and believed in a better world. Within the

programme she was responsible to the development for the strengthening of an administrative registration system. With her ideas big moves were made. Her passing will leave a considerable gap in our work.

### **Consultative workshop on the draft Pesticide Registration and Control Regulation**

In August 2010, the comprehensive pesticides law of Ethiopia, the Pesticide Registration and Control Proclamation 674/2010, was adopted. This proclamation defines the overall framework for pesticide management in the country. However, the various provisions of this framework law need to be worked out in more detail in secondary legislation.

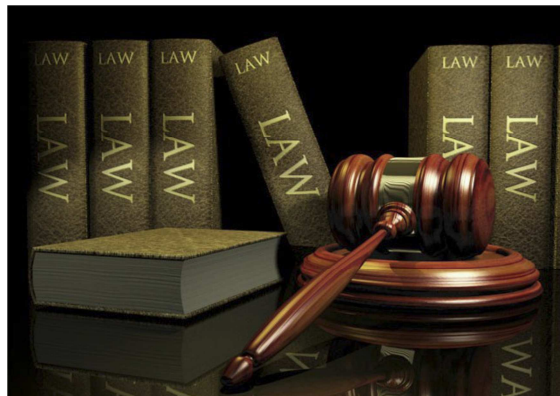
The Ministry of Agriculture of Ethiopia has therefore been preparing a new Pesticide Registration and Control Regulation with the aim to operationalize the Proclamation. The Alterra Institute of Wageningen-UR provided technical support, and the FAO Legal Development Service legal assistance, for this important activity.

The draft Regulation covers all stages of the pesticide life cycle in Ethiopia and regulates chemical pesticides as well as biopesticides. It defines the rights and responsibilities of stakeholders for pesticide import, distribution and use, both at the federal and the regional levels.

On 21 and 22 February 2013, a consultative workshop was organized in Debrezeit to discuss the draft Pesticide Registration and Control Regulation. The objectives of the workshop were to explain the rationale behind the contents of the draft Regulation and obtain comments and suggestions on how to improve the document.

The consultation was attended by approximately 40 participants from relevant

federal ministries, Regional Bureaus of Agriculture, farmer organizations, NGOs, the private sector, research institutions, Alterra, and the FAO Legal Development Service. In various sessions and working groups the draft Regulation was discussed in detail, and suggestions were provided for its improvement.



The drafting committee at the Ministry of Agriculture will take into account the proposed corrections, amendments and additions when finalizing the document. It is expected that the Regulation will be submitted for adoption by the Council of Ministers in the course of 2013.

#### **Workshop on Proposed evaluation tested with pilot compounds (May 2013)**

In this workshop the proposed evaluation method to assess the risks for human health (of operators and workers, as well as of consumers) and for the environment was tested for a combination of 6 compounds and crops, used in Ethiopia.

These combinations had been selected as being combinations that possibly bear risks for consumers or for drinking water production from surface water or from groundwater. This workshop was specifically intended to inform the Pesticide Advisory Board members on the proposed evaluation method and to obtain their feedback. In addition other staff members (than those present in December 2012) from the so-called dossier team of the APHRD, Animal and Plant Health Regulatory Directorate, of the Ministry of Agriculture of Ethiopia were trained by staff from the Ctgb, the Board for the Authorization of Pesticides and Biocides of the Netherlands.

During the workshop the proposed procedure was improved and the future Evaluation manual for the APHRD was expanded.

#### **Workshop on the efficacy of pesticides**

In June a workshop was organized on the development of the evaluation system for efficacy of chemical pesticides and on the efficacy of bio-pesticides.

The first two days concerned efficacy testing of bio-pesticides. The workshop was attended by representatives of EIAR research stations and universities and it was focussed on the practical considerations at trial conduct with bio-pesticides.



Experiences with efficacy testing of bio-pesticides were shared and discussions were held on issues like reference products, the trial conditions and the difference between the claim "control" and "reduction". The final output is a Bio-pesticide Testing Guideline in which deviations, considerations and recommendations are given and can be used for the development of efficacy testing protocols with a bio-pesticide.

Another two days were spend with the evaluators of APHRD. Together with the development of an efficacy evaluation manual the evaluation of bio-pesticides was also handled.

Emphasis was given to the specific situations that may involve a bio-pesticide. For example, a lower effectiveness may be accepted when a product (often a bio-pesticide) allows the implementation of IPM.

Nevertheless it had to be concluded that also for many aspects of efficacy testing no differences exist between the conventional chemical pesticides and bio-pesticides.



Workshop participants on proposed evaluation tested with pilot compounds

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