

OECD – GLOBAL JOINT REVIEW (GJR) – HARMONIZED PESTICIDES REGULATION.

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Introduction: The OECD is a forum where governments around the world compare policy experiences, seek answers to common problems, identify good practice and coordinate domestic and international policies. It has a wide scope of discussions regarding economic, environmental, and social issues. It counts with 30 Member countries, 25 non-Members (regular or full observers of specific committees) and 50 non-Members (participating in specific tasks or programs). In 2007, Brazil was included among the countries with which the OECD has decided to strengthen the cooperation's bi-lateral relationship. There are several task forces targeted by subject, among which the Environment Directory, which has the Pesticide Program (PP). New pesticides are rigorously assessed by the governments before commercially available, this ensures safety standards for health and environment, and the pesticides already on the market are regularly re-evaluated, ensuring the same safety standards. These assessments are done by regulators in different countries, which generate a lot of work and spending, considering the public and private sector. In 1992, the Working Group of Pesticides (WGP) developed the Pesticide Program which streamlines the evaluation process combining efforts of several countries to assess the risks of pesticides in a more rapid and broad way. This program brings together experts from various fields with the aim to share knowledge, experiences, methodologies, findings and conclusions. [1] **Purpose of study:** Present and discuss this new tool of global and harmonized regulation of pesticides, discussing the mechanisms, working status and scope. **Methods:** Specific literature review, action analysis and evaluation of the benefits to Brazil to join the GJR Program. **Results:** The focus of the Pesticide Program is to format final reports reviews done by the authorities and the industry, to build a database with the findings and conclusions – all the material to support governments around the world on the pesticides evaluation; to identify and describe the approaches and methodologies used in the regulatory process by different authorities; to standardize an assessment methodology to evaluate the hazard and the risk of pesticides and the documents required for the evaluation and registration. The principal aim is to establish a harmonized evaluation around the world, considering the food trade, human health and environmental safe. [2,3] **Conclusion:** This system optimizes efforts among the countries. Brazil was invited to join the GJR, because the level of knowledge between the evaluators, advanced legislation and to be among the major global agriculture market.

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