

# Harmonizing Pesticides Assessments to Allow for Free and Open Trade



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## Overview

- How can further MRL harmonization be reached?
- How can mutual acceptance of reviews become a global practice?
- What should registrants, regulators and growers do support trade?



## Current Progress

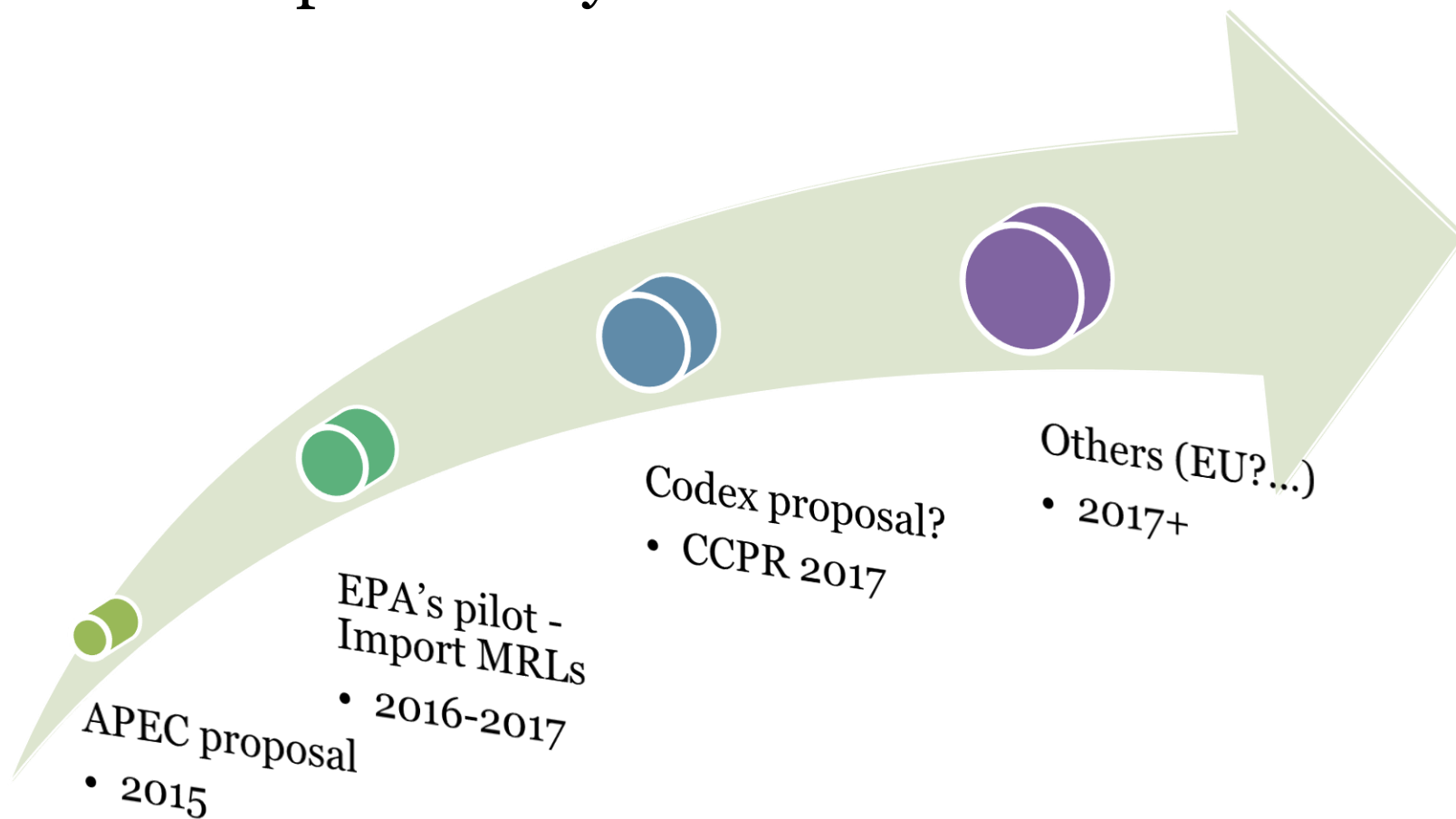
- APEC\* Proposal to Codex to accept other country's review
  - Tox endpoints, Residue Definition, MRLs (tolerances)
  - Risk assessment (RA) to be done by each national agency
- US-EPA's 2016-2017 pilot to accept Codex and national reviews from GLP countries for Import Tolerances (MRL)
  - No studies to be submitted, only other agencies reviews
  - EPA to conduct RA as per US requirements

\*APEC (Asia & Pacific Economic Cooperation) – led by Australia

# Issues and Resolutions

- Why are agencies reluctant to accept other country's reviews?
  - National requirements for data (which are harmonized across countries by OECD, Codex, FAO, WHO)
- How can this issue be resolved?
  - Data from similar countries still fills requirements and reserves the right to question or conclude differently
  - Acceptable risk to local population will still be done by every agency
- What and how would this impact the MRLs and trade?
  - Time shorter between 1<sup>st</sup> and subsequent registrations/MRLs
  - Reduced cost of reviews may enable more uses for new actives

# Timeline – potentially

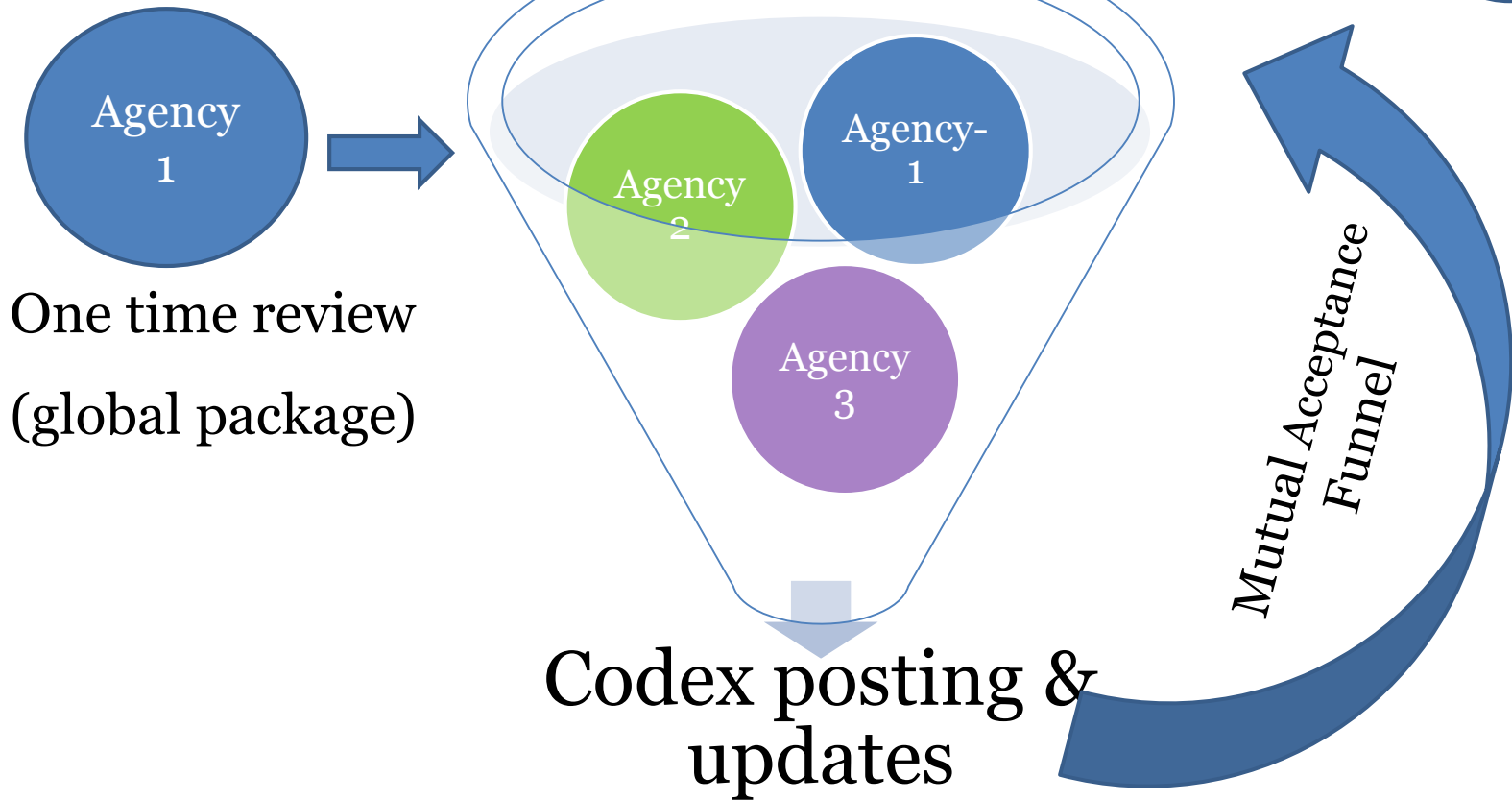


# Looking Ahead

- **Registrants**
  - Generate global data at c-GAP
  - Include other countries reviews in (Import) MRL dossiers
- **Agencies** observing OECD/Codex requirements to
  - Consider accepting similar countries reviews
  - Conduct local risk assessment
- **Growers** to indicate priorities globally
- What else may help ?...



# Dependencies and Resources





## Seeds for Thought

1. Brainstorm of Ideas
2. Suggestions for future events
3. Volunteering opportunities



“Who Should Regulate Pesticides in our Food?”  
**Agencies** (with inputs from all stakeholders)

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