

Implementing the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act - Fiscal Year 2013

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Maintenance Fees

Accomplishments

Inert Ingredients

Inert Ingredient Actions under PRIA

FIFRA section 33(k)(2)(F) requires the EPA to report the number of inert ingredients (inerts) pending review by the Agency. Under PRIA 3 all new requests for approval of inert ingredients became subject to registration service fee requirements, and ten new PRIA categories were established specific to inert ingredient approvals. In FY 2013, 34 inert ingredient requests were received as covered PRIA 3 applications.

In FY 2013, 43 inert ingredient approval requests were completed, including seven PRIA 3 actions and 36 non-PRIA inert ingredient clearances, which were submitted prior to inert ingredient approvals becoming a covered pesticide activity under PRIA 3. At the end of FY 2013, there were 51 inert ingredient approval requests in various stages of review including 28 PRIA 3 actions and 23 non-PRIA inert ingredient clearances.

Process Improvement in Inert Ingredient Reviews

In FY 2013, EPA updated a number of inert ingredient-related [guidance documents](#) on the Web, including guidance for submitting food use tolerance petitions and non-food use requests, guidance for polymer exemption submissions to reflect the changes in the inert ingredient application and approval process under PRIA 3, and updated the inert ingredient frequently asked questions. These documents help individuals develop and submit inert ingredient approval requests as demonstrated by the continued improvements in the quality of submissions. These improvements reduced the time spent by Agency staff working with the registrants to make necessary corrections and decreased overall submission review time. Continual updates have been made to [InertFinder](#), an online database for searching substances used as inert ingredients in pesticide products. InertFinder, which is searchable by chemical name or CAS Registry Number, provides information on the approval status of substances used as inert ingredients for use in food use and nonfood use pesticides, and as fragrances in pesticide products and is available on the agency's website at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/inertfinder>. Similarly, updates have been made to “The List of Trade Names of Inert Ingredients” <http://iaspub.epa.gov/apex/pesticides/f?p=inertfinder:mixtures> website to further enhance public access to information related to the EPA approval status of trade name inert ingredients used in pesticide products. Both InertFinder and The List of Trade Names of Inert Ingredients provide useful resources to applicants and have been demonstrated to improve the quality of registration applications submitted to the Agency.