

The establishment of this networking arrangement among the pesticide regulatory authorities of ASEAN is to achieve a more uniform control of pesticides in the region. It would allow a means for discussion, identification, prioritization, implementation and resolution of problems related to pesticide management.

Some of the benefits of this network :

- member countries can communicate more effectively with each other;
- sharing of information as well as resources;
- helping each other in making appropriate and rational decisions regarding management of pesticides in each individual countries;
 - able to have a greater uniformity in pesticide regulations within the ASEAN region;
 - the public, pesticide industry as well as producers of agricultural commodities will be able to utilize the scientific and knowledge-based databases of this network.
- development cost of pesticides could be lowered;
- quality of the products would be assured under constant monitoring by all the countries in the region.

Ultimately, with the combination of resources and expertise, member countries would experience a higher standard of management of pesticides; thus minimizing the potential risks of pesticides to health and the environment.