CRD’s transformation Journey:
Building the Future Regulator

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CRD Vision, Mission and Strategic Objectives

Mission
Protect people and places through the safe and effective use of chemicals to support a sustainable future.

Vision
As a globally respected Competent Authority, support the UK to prosper through science-led regulation of the effective and safe use of chemicals and associated technology

Strategic Objectives
• Deliver chemicals regulation effectively in an independent UK environment
• Improve services to UK businesses and the public
• Reduce the cost of regulatory service delivery
• Improve quality and timeliness of ‘permissions’ issued to businesses
• Deliver world-class scientific and regulatory chemicals expertise
• Engage and influence global chemicals regulatory regimes
Transformation Programme

• New and expanded responsibilities post EU exit

• CRD in year 2 of a 5 year transformation programme

• Programme invests in:
  • People
  • New digital systems
  • New processes
People

CRD - across all regimes

- Sept 2020 – 243 FTE
- March 2022 – 355 FTE
  - ↑46% from pre EU exit levels
- Current: c.400 staff
  - ↑65% from pre EU exit levels
- Plan c.500 by March 2024
New Digital systems

• Day 1 - Interim Operating Capability to;
  • mitigate loss of access to EU systems
  • support the delivery of new regulatory functions

• Post day 1 – Biocides and Pesticides Transformation Programme (BPTP):
  • to deliver a transformed, modern digital service,
  • harmonising the registration of biocides and pesticides
Timeline: Developing New Digital Systems for Biocides and Pesticides

**Agile methodology**

**Discovery**
Conducting User Research and understanding users’ needs. Asking: ‘do we need to build something?’

**Alpha**
Developing and testing prototypes with small user groups. Viability mapping with internal stakeholders

**Private Beta → Public Beta**
Developing and testing at larger scale. Making a working test version available first to a limited user group until confident it can run at scale, then to the public.

**Live + Ongoing Evaluation**
Continuing to iterate and improve based on user feedback. Sustainably supporting service delivery. Asking: ‘Is what we built effective?’ and ‘Does it continue to address users’ needs?’

- **Nov 20 – Mar 21**
- **May–Aug 22**
- **TBC – starts late 2022**
- **April 2024**
Processes

• Harmonising delivery of biocides and pesticides

• Streamlined processes

• Significantly improve internal and external users’ experience

• Improved quality, efficiency and effectiveness.
• Quicker and more flexible
• New products onto the market quicker
• Enables strategic decisions based on market changes.
• Supports availability and use of safer alternatives.
Processes: Quicker and More Flexible

EU process – 6 stage process running in sequence
1. Active substance assessment
2. EFSA peer review
3. Commission Decision making
4. Active substance approval
5. Product Assessment at MS level
6. Product authorisation

UK process – 3 stage process
• Runs stages 1 & 5 (of EU process) simultaneously
• Single peer review stage combined with decision making
• Active substance and product authorisation delivered simultaneously

• Example - Cinmethylin
  • HSE announced approval of new active substance and first product in June 2022
  • Expect to be significantly ahead of EU decision
Priority areas of work

- National Action Plan for Pesticides (NAP)
- Active Substance Review Programme
- Official Control Regulations (OCR)
- Retained EU Legislation (REUL) & Northern Ireland Protocol (NIP)
- Supporting Defra policy development
- Evaluation delivery as capacity and capability built
Any Questions?

BPTP – Beta testing phase - Get involved: bpt_programme@hse.gov.uk