

Crop Protection Industry Launches Global Transparency Initiative

Providing better access to safety data while ensuring the protection of confidential business information

Brussels — 26 March 2018 — Today, CropLife International and its member companies have made a global, voluntary commitment to enable more public access to safety data related to its crop protection products. The initiative stems from the industry’s commitment to transparency, responsibility and sustainability.

CropLife International member companies – the world’s leading manufacturers of crop protection products – recognize that they play an important role in making crop protection safety data more easily accessible to the public to provide greater transparency. Access to safety data for non-commercial purposes will be provided by the individual member companies according to their own protocols.

CropLife International and its members are further committed to continue to proactively engage in conversations with all stakeholders to explain the existing regulatory process and the safety, efficacy and benefits of crop protection products. As part of the initiative a [website has been launched](#) to explain what regulatory data is needed to register a pesticide and where to find that data. The website also explains what is meant by confidential business information (CBI) and how CBI facilitates the development of sustainable crop protection innovations.

“With this initiative we are taking an important step in providing the public with better access to safety-relevant data about crop protection products”, said Howard Minigh, President and CEO of CropLife International. *“The initiative is aimed at promoting transparency and demonstrating the unprecedented high safety standards required for crop protection products’ registration. As a responsible industry we want to have an open dialogue with the public so they can make informed decisions about safety of crop protection products and understand the commitment of regulators and industry to the health of people and environmental protection.”*

It is up to individual companies to decide when and how their safety data will be released, and they are currently defining mechanisms to enable the non-commercial use to safety data.

Learn more about the initiative on the dedicated CropLife International [website](#).

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Notes to Editor:

1. Here is the CropLife International member company statement in full:

The CropLife International member companies are among the world's leading developers of crop protection solutions which enable farmers to produce food for a growing world in a safe and environmentally sustainable way.

While the product authorization process is the essential assurance to farmers and consumers that crop protection products meet the highest standards for safety, efficacy and quality, the effective transparency of safety data submitted to regulatory agencies can further enhance public confidence and strengthen the understanding of the stringent safety standards of crop protection products, as well as enhance trust in the product authorization process.

The CropLife International member companies are committed to increased transparency of safety data in order to better engage in dialog with society to increase understanding and build trust. As a first step, CropLife International and its member companies are developing straightforward ways to enable non-commercial access to safety-relevant information.

2. CropLife International is the voice of the global plant science industry. It champions the role of agricultural innovations in crop protection and plant biotechnology in supporting and advancing sustainable agriculture; helping farmers feed a growing population while looking after the planet; and progressing rural communities. The world needs farmers, and farmers need plant science. CropLife International is proud to be at the heart of helping farmers grow.
3. CropLife International members are: BASF, Bayer, Corteva Agriscience (Agriculture Division of DowDuPont), FMC, Monsanto, Sumitomo and Syngenta.