

Applying for Provisional Registration under the ACVM Act

Provisional Registration is a requirement under the ACVM Act 1997 to enable you to carry out field trials in order to obtain further data:

- on efficacy, safety and residues on products to support applications for product registration in NZ; or
- from product trials undertaken in NZ required for use in another country.

Points to remember:

- The formulation should be almost final (i.e. the formulation that will be marketed).
- The regulatory time frame to process provisional applications is 40 working days.
- Residue trials should reflect good agricultural practice demonstrated by efficacy trials.
- Advice from affected industry groups could be sought when drafting proposals to ensure the design of the trial would satisfy any requirements if the product was used as part of their spray programmes.
- There must be separate applications for each formulation/formulation type.
- If treated crops are to be sold a detailed residue argument is required, otherwise crops must be destroyed.
- Up to 5 years data protection will apply for innovative actives under provisional registration. This is given on the basis of the active ingredient only (not for individual formulations) with a further 5 years applied from the date of full registration.
- If the product is hazardous or a new organism, an ERMA approval (see www.ermanz.govt.nz) is required before we can issue registration.
- Biosecurity NZ clearance for imported products may also be required (see www.biosecurity.govt.nz).

The Provision application form is available at:

<http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/acvm/publications/forms/prov-reg-vm.htm>

The Provisional Information Requirements are available at:

<http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/acvm/publications/information-requirements/prov-reg.htm>

Fee and charges:

<http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/acvm/publications/fees/index.htm>

For other queries refer to the FAQ page:

<http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/acvm/about/index.htm>

If you have trouble putting an application together a consultant can be contacted:

<http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/registers-lists/consultants/>

Some products are either not regulated by NZFSA or are exempt from registration under the ACVM Regulations. More information can be found in the following document:

<http://nzfsa.govt.nz/acvm/publications/forms/cd-request-form.htm>

Or contact us at:

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