

ASTA Update

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2009 ASTA Regulatory/Legislative Meeting



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- Current status of ETO and next steps
- Brief overview of Annual Meeting Plans
- Member Needs Assessment



ETO Status

- **April 2008** – EPA issues re-registration eligibility decision maintaining spice usage contingent on reproductive and developmental studies
- **June 2008** – waiver request denied
- **November 2008** – ASTA meets with EPA to present data developed by toxicologist



ETO Status

- **March 2009** – EPA waives request for prenatal development study but not reproductive & fertility effects
- **April 2009** – Board decides study must be funded by users based on volume
- **May 2009** – form sent to record volume of ETO treated spice traded by companies



ETO Status

- **September 2009** – assessment amounts calculated, distributed for review and decision on whether to contribute
- **October 13** – ASTA Board of Directors reviews funding commitments – will proceed with study. First year invoices to be mailed in next month



ETO Status

- Study results due December 2011.
Expect to be favorable based on data review conducted by toxicologist
- ETO re-registration will be good through 2018 (ten years from re-registration eligibility decision)



2010 ASTA Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 25 Afternoon Workshop
Traceability

Monday, April 26
Focus on Food Safety

Tuesday/Wednesday April 27 & 28
Crop Reports/Trends/Emerging Markets



Upcoming Initiatives

- Member Needs Assessment
 - Last conducted in 2005 – major initiative was to grow Government Relations Program & hire full time GR Director & add programs
 - Analyze current initiatives, unmet needs, add future value
 - On-line survey in 2010 – details to follow



Thank You

Questions?

