

## RE: Pesticide Delays in Mexico - Letter from Croplife

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Thanks Mike; looking forward to it. We'll work with your team and get it scheduled.

Regards,

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Good morning Alex. Yes, I can be on the call.

Mike

On Aug 25, 2020, at 9:14 AM, Doherty, Julia M. EOP/USTR <[Julia\\_Doherty@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Julia_Doherty@ustr.eop.gov)> wrote:

Good morning,

My USTR colleague, Leslie Yang on copy, would be pleased to find a time to discuss.

Julia

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Good Morning Mike,

On behalf of myself and Chad McIntosh, I'm touching base on the attached letter from Croplife America (CLA), which I imagine you have already seen. We will be drafting a response for Administrator Wheeler soon, but Chad and I were are talking about the underlying issues raised in the letter. We continue to hear from stakeholders that they are concerned, as are we, with Mexico's apparent shift away from its long-standing risk-based approach to regulation and towards a hazard-based approach more like the EU. This shift is accompanied by the documented registration delays and a general lack of transparency around Mexico's changing implementation of its pesticide regulations and policies.

Now that USMCA has entered into force, the CLA letter offers a prompt to reflect on trade relationship with Mexico in the pesticide area as well as for U.S. companies working in Mexico. As you know, we met with SEMERNAT (virtually) in June, and Underscretary Ted McKinney has also been very active, but we still have a job ahead of us.

Might you be available in the next few weeks to discuss if and how we could use USMCA to work through these issues? If you are available, I'll see if we can get a call set up perhaps after Labor Day.

Thanks so much,

Alex

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