

The CHAIRMAN: May I go on to the next section. I mean the terms of reference. Section (B) reads: "The dangers arising from contamination of food by the use of chemicals to kill weeds, insects and other pests".

1. "Chairman's Remarks." Well, I have made my remarks at the first of this meeting.

2. Control of pesticide residues in foods under the Food and Drugs Act and Regulations.

3. Registration and control of pesticides under the Pest Control Products Act.

4. Role of the provincial entomologist in the use of pesticides.

5. The toxicological testing of pesticides prior to use.

6. Industrial and commercial evaluation pertaining to development of pesticides.

7. The need for the use of pesticides in agricultural production.

8. Current agricultural practices relating to the use of pesticides in Canada and trends for the future.

1. I have already made my remarks.

2. (a), statements of the Minister of Health and Welfare, the Honourable J. Waldo Monteith, and the Deputy Minister of National Health and Welfare, Dr. G. D. W. Cameron, or any other interested people we have pertaining to the responsibility of the government and with reference to the health and welfare department in this regard.

2. (b) The director of the food and drug directorate should outline the basic legislation and the regulations which have a bearing on the control of pesticide residues in foods. The administrative procedures followed in handling of a submission regarding a pesticide and the division of responsibility between the Department of Agriculture and the directorate in the handling of such submissions, should be discussed. The information required for the establishment of a tolerance for residues of a pesticide in foods should be given as well as the procedures employed in arriving at a satisfactory level, and future safety in years to come. Terms such as toxicity, hazard, acceptable daily intake, permissible level and tolerance should be carefully explained.

A statement of the number of tolerances established and the pesticides which are permitted on a no residue basis should be provided as well as the number of crops involved. Problems relating to methods of determination of the pesticide residues should be discussed.

Results of surveys of pesticide residues in food in Canada, the action taken when excessive residues are encountered, the manpower available to the directorate for this work and the type of investigation currently underway by the department should be discussed.

Dr. C. A. Morrell, food and drug directorate, director, Department of National Health and Welfare, or any other person we deem necessary, or that Dr. Morrell would like to bring with him.

3. A representative of the Department of Agriculture should be called to explain their responsibilities under the Pest Control Products Act. This should include the information required for registration, division of responsibility between Department of Agriculture and the food and drug directorate. Labelling requirements including all advertising material re warning statements and antidotes should also be explained.