

- 3.7 Recognizing the Minister of Agriculture has the right to temporarily ban agricultural chemicals, the safety of which has been called into question, the Committee recommends that a public review be undertaken before agricultural chemicals are permanently removed from sale.**

F. Performance of Agricultural Chemicals

The performance of agricultural chemicals and the inadequacy of product performance guarantees were also discussed. The Committee is aware that the majority of farmers do not face problems of non-performance, but for those who do, the results, perhaps the loss of a crop, can be costly. From the testimony of the witnesses the Committee concludes that instructions for use of some farm chemicals have not been adequate, and that the chemical companies have sometimes been reluctant to share with the farmers the responsibility for non-performance of an agricultural chemical. The Committee therefore endorses the pilot project being undertaken by the Crop Protection Institute of Canada with the cooperation of the Province of Manitoba to establish a tribunal which would settle complaints about the failure of agricultural chemicals to perform as advertised.

- 3.8 The Committee recommends that Agriculture Canada Pesticide Directorate work with provincial governments, the Crop Protection Institute of Canada and farm organizations to develop standards for performance of agricultural chemicals and to ensure that an effective mechanism exists to hear and settle complaints in each province.**