

GRAIN GROWERS
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LES PRODUCTEURS
DE GRAINS DU CANADA

Hon. Stockwell Day
President of the Treasury Board
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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August 10th, 2010

Dear Minister Day,

RE: Removal of PMRA Pest Control Label Easy Access System

On behalf of the 80 000 farmers we represent through our member organizations, the Grain Growers of Canada urge you to reconsider the proposed changes to the PMRA pest control product label access system.

The execution of some of the provisions of the Common Look and Feel policy for web sites has generated a growing sense of alarm. Specifically, the withdrawal of the pesticide label pdf files will impair our ability to work with our extension services and federal government contacts on environmental, health and agronomic issues. We see the potential for a crippling of our ability to access human health information in a timely fashion.

We require instant access to this valuable tool provided by your government. In some instances, that need is as instant as a physician querying a drug database or safety information related to medical issues. The change you are proposing wherein individual requests can be emailed out on a person by person basis is totally unacceptable.

Frankly, we are baffled by the unnecessary increase in government bureaucracy and program cost in order to respond to individual email queries, while limiting the usefulness of the product label access system.

The Grain Growers of Canada were under the impression this government stood for fiscal discipline and a streamlined bureaucracy.

We strongly encourage you, at a minimum, to stay this decision. The Grain Growers of Canada are willing to work with you and your office to ensure a suitable solution is found for all parties. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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