A Guide to Food Use Workshop Terminology

PROJECT STATUSES

A project status indicates the data needed by the manufacturer and regulatory agencies to pursue registration of the desired use. The statuses of projects that are eligible for nomination at the Food Use Workshop (FUW) are as follows:

Under Evaluation: In most cases this involves a new Project Clearance Request (PCR) not yet fully vetted by the manufacturer; IR-4 will ask the manufacturer if it supports pursuing registration of the proposed use, and what data (residue, efficacy and/or crop safety) are necessary. A project **Under Evaluation** is eligible for nomination, but its status must be updated to either "**Potential**" or "**Researchable**" by the manufacturer at (or before) the FUW in order to be designated as an "A" priority and receive funding.

Potential, needs E/CS data before approval for residue study: The status means that the manufacturer requires efficacy and/or crop safety (E/CS) data to assess product performance before giving IR-4 acceptance to conduct residue studies. If the results are acceptable to the manaufacturer, the PCR will be reclassified as **Researchable** (see below) and will be prioritized at future IR-4 Food Use Workshops.

Researchable: There are four variations on researchable projects, as indicated by their specific statuses:

> a. **Researchable, only residue data needed**: Only residue data are needed to establish a tolerance and pursue product registration.
> b. **Researchable, only E/CS data needed**: Only E/CS data are needed to add the pest/crop to the product label.
> c. **Researchable, Residue & E/CS data needed**: Both residue and confirmatory E/CS data are needed to pursue registration and trials can be started simultaneously.
> d. **Researchable, E/CS ongoing, residue data needed**: Satisfactory E/CS data were generated and only residue data are needed.

Labeled, needs E/CS data to add crop/pest to label & **Tol est.; need E/CS data to add crop/pest:** A pesticide tolerance has been established by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that supports a potential registration. E/CS data must be generated to add the commodity, pest of interest, or modified use pattern to the product registration.

Labeled, residue data needed for export: A pesticide tolerance/registration has been approved to allow domestic use. Additional residue data is needed to support international trade of the crop.

PRIORITY CODES

*For projects under the **Residue & Product Performance** platform:*

1. Projects that are classified as **'Potential'** or **'Researchable, need E/CS data only'** or **'Labeled, needs E/CS data to add crop/pest to label'** and **'Tol est.; need E/CS data to add crop/pest':** are rated on a **scale from Low (L) to High Plus (H+)**. Projects that get an **H+** priority are identified as a **major need** by the stakeholders and receive funding to conduct research.

   H+ – Highest priority; need it now
   H – High priority; but can wait a year*
   M – Medium priority; important to keep it active or alive
   L – Low priority; important to keep alive

2. All the other projects are rated on an A-F scale:

   A – Project is a critical need; research will be started at first available time
   B – Project is important; due to IR-4 resource limitations, the research must wait
   C – Project can wait
   D/E/F – Project not nominated for one (D), two (E) or three (F) straight years ("F" projects are no longer shown in system)

*For projects under the **Integrated Solutions** platform, the same A-F rating scale is used.*

STOPLIGHT ANALYSIS

EPA provides a stoplight analysis tool to advise IR-4 on potential regulatory issues that may limit federal registration of a particular use. Projects are reviewed by EPA before the Food Use Workshop, and a color is attributed to each project:

Red: These projects are **NOT** eligible for nomination and not considered at FUW because there is no path forward towards EPA approval at this time.

Orange: These projects are eligible for nomination, but present **significant hurdles**.

Yellow: These projects are eligible for nomination, but present **some hurdles.**

Green: These projects are eligible for nomination and present **no hurdles.**

Blue: These projects are eligible for nomination, but require further review by EPA.