



# Meeting Regulations: Overcoming Analysis Challenges

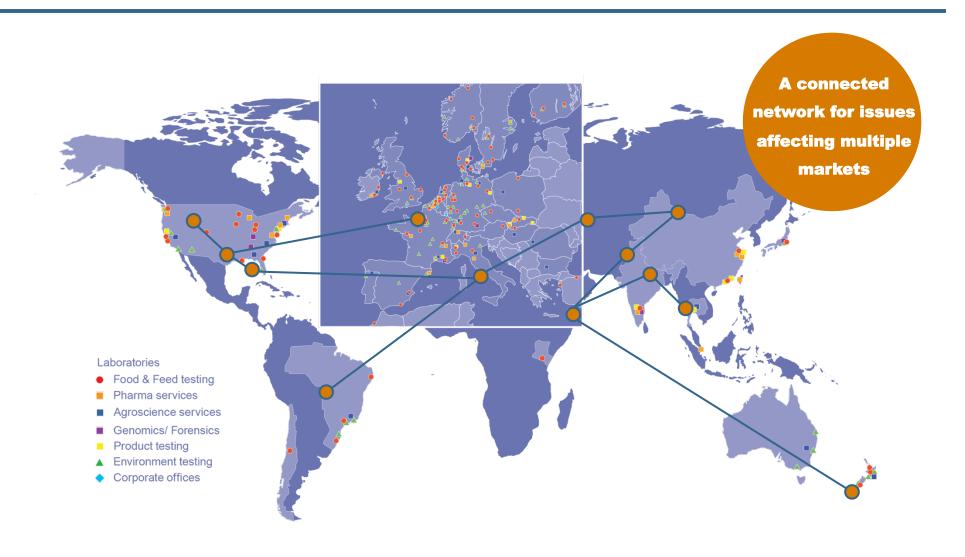
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# **Global Footprint**





#### **Locations**





#### **Eurofins Divisions**

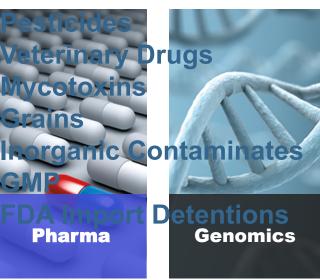


# Our testing spans multiple industries and arenas. Some of our main areas are:

#### ECAL







#### **Pesticide Regulations**



- US maintains a national MRL list and does not defer to other markets regulations
- Section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act authorizes the EPA to set tolerances or maximum residual limits (MRL)
  - Tolerances are deemed to safe levels
- Region MRL
  - Tolerances based on a geographical area of the US
  - California PROP 65

# **Key Points**



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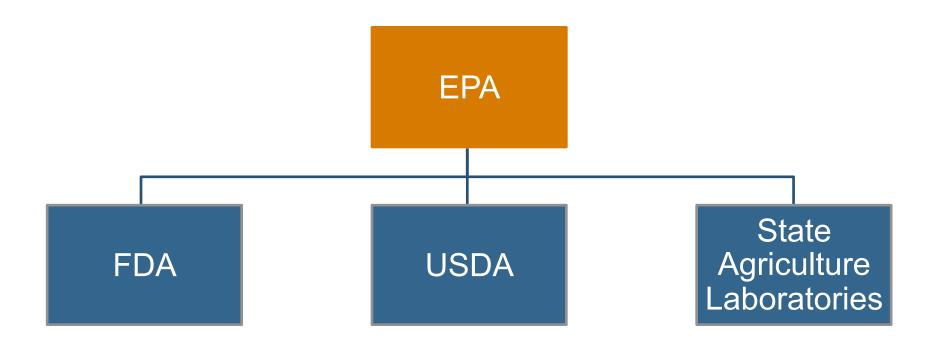
### **Regulation Myths**



- EU regulation stricter than US
- Contract lab is an expert in interpretation of regulations

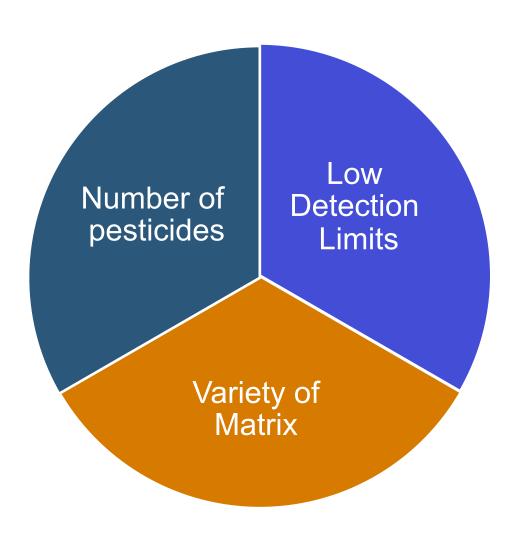
### **Regulation Monitoring**





## **Meeting MRL**





### **Variety of Matrix**



Fruit Vegetables Oil **Botanical** Tea Spice Meat Dairy Honey

# **Sample Analysis**



Homogenization Extraction Detection

### **Extraction Challenges**



Pesticide Loss Removal of matrix

#### **Extraction Methods**



- Common methods for food analysis
  - QuEChERS
  - DFG S-19
  - FDA Laboratory Information Bulletin (LIB)
  - Scientific Publication
  - European Union Reference Library (EURL)
  - Pesticide Analysis Manual (PAM)

#### **Matrix Removal**



- Dilution
  - Low Sample Weight, high extraction volumes
    - Dry down steps
- Physiochemical cleanup
  - Solvent solubility
  - Sorbent Cleanups
    - Solid Phase Extraction (SPE)

#### Why SPE?



- Removal of sample matrix
- Reduces ion suppression
- Separate based on compound class
- Concentrate low level compounds

#### **Types SPE**



- Normal Phase
- Reverse Phase
- Ion Exchange
- Mix-Mode
- New SPE Sorbents
  - Oasis Prime (Waters)
  - EMR (Agilent)

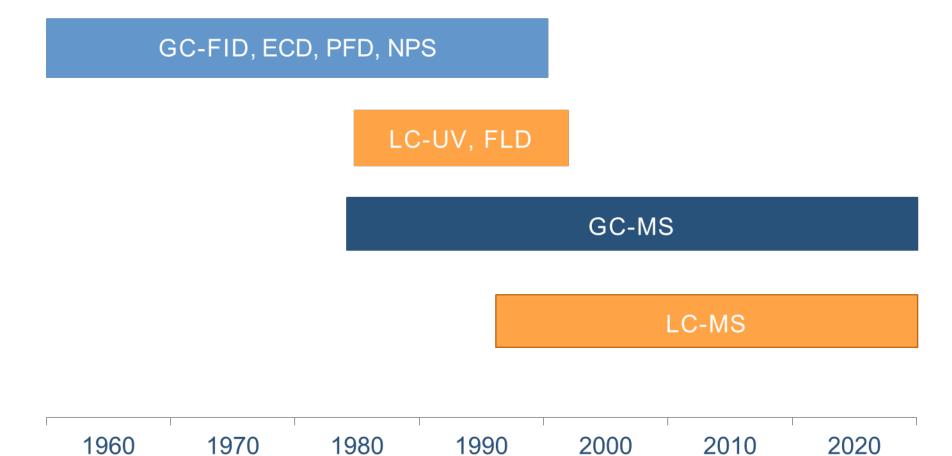
# **Sample Analysis**



Homogenization Extraction Detection

### **Analysis Trends**





Year

#### Which Detection to Choose?



- GC or LC
- Target
  - Analysis of particular compounds
- Non-Targeted
  - Analysis of any compounds

#### **Mass Spectrometry**



- Single Quadrupole
- MS/MS
- High Resolution (HR-MS)
- HRMS/MS

#### **Conclusion**



- Different governing bodies determine and monitor pesticide regulation
  - International and regional tolerances
- Challenges to Reach MRLs
  - Number of pesticides
  - Low limit requirements
  - Variety of matrices
- Support Reaching MRL
  - Extraction Method
  - Instrumentation

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# Thank you for your attention

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