

Check Sample Program

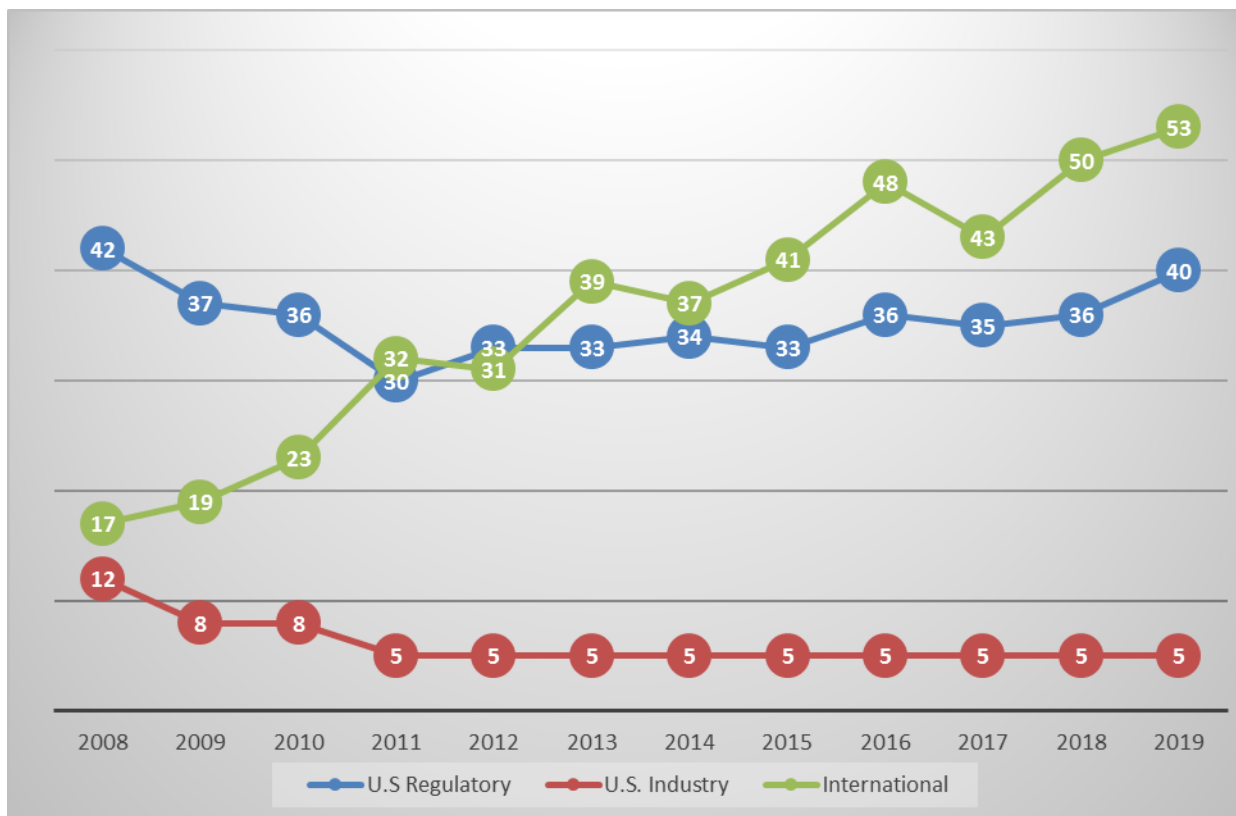
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General summary of work group/liasion activities for the year:

The 2019 AAPCO Check Sample Program was successfully conducted by the Pesticide Laboratories, Office of Indiana State Chemist. Annual subscription fees are kept unchanged at \$200 per year for U.S. labs and \$250 per year for international labs. This has been the fee structure set by the AAPCO board since 2008. The AAPCO treasurer collects payments from the program participants and the entire proceeds of around \$20,000 is donated to the AAPCO general fund.

This year we have a total of 98 laboratories subscribed to the program from the U.S. and all over the world. A record high for the program! Interests in the program remain strong from both U.S. domestic labs and labs oversea. The 53 international labs come from 26 countries across four continents.



Three commercial pesticide products containing four pesticide active ingredients were offered in the 2019 program. We continue to offer a variety of analytes, matrices and fortification levels each year to help labs gain experience testing many different types of formulation samples on the market. Homogeneity tests were performed by the hosting lab to guarantee the high quality of the test samples offered.

Future activities:

1. Ping will give a program update at the upcoming Lab Director's meeting during the AAPCO annual conference.
2. Final 2019 result evaluation report to detail participants' performance will be published in April 2019.
3. Analytes of interest to be offered for the 2020 program will be selected in winter of 2019.
4. Samples for the 2020 program will be shipped to participants during January 2020.

Respectively submitted,
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