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Welcome & Introduction

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Objectives Going Forward

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- Interact with Membership
 - Communicate and share best practice sector information
 - Provide added value for membership
- Represent the sector with Government
 - CRD, DEFRA, EA
 - Devolved Government
- Encourage Training , CPD and Best Practice
- Amenity Standard
 - Increase accredited schemes

How Today will Work ?

Involvement and Interaction

- Tight time schedule
 - If you have a question for speakers input into app
- Polls and Questions
 - Answers collected during today's conference
 - Results/Summary presented in conclusion wrap-up session
- Breaks
 - Please network and visit our sponsors
 - Session will start promptly



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Policy and Its Impact



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Adrian Dixon, CRD

Regulations on the approval and review of
plant protection products

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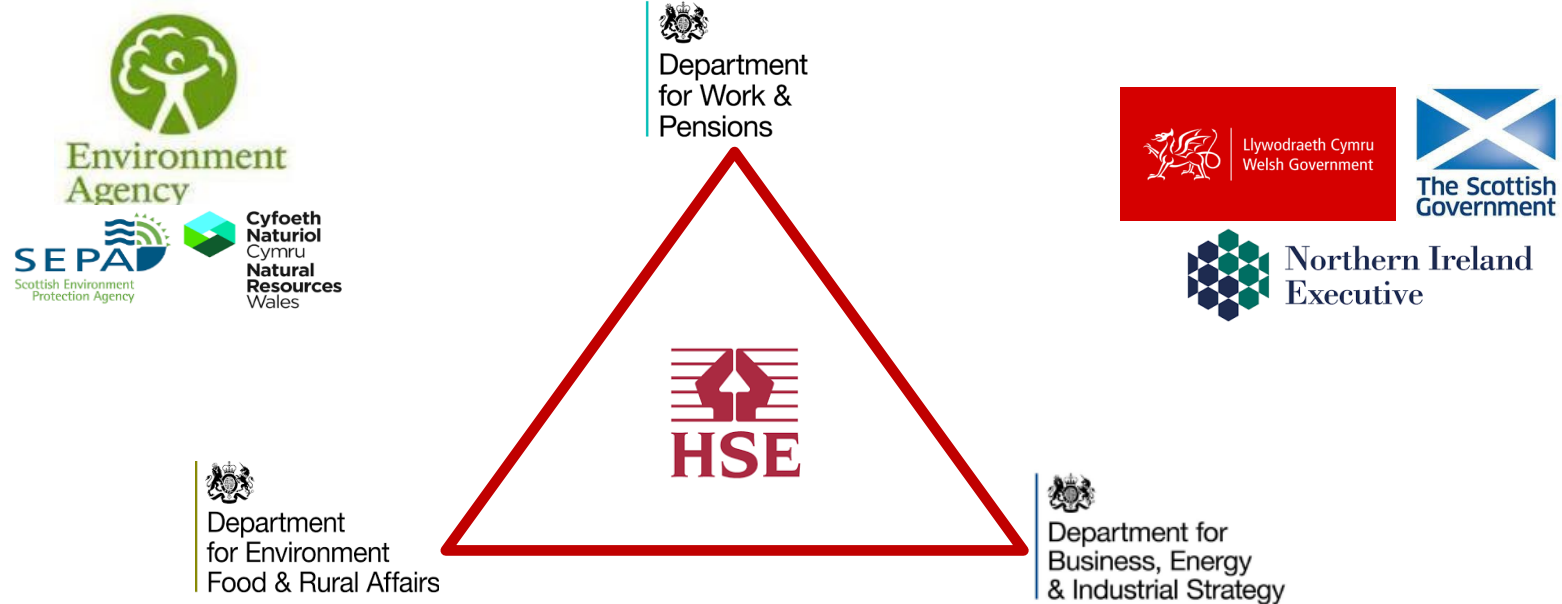


- Regulatory framework
- Recent developments
- The future

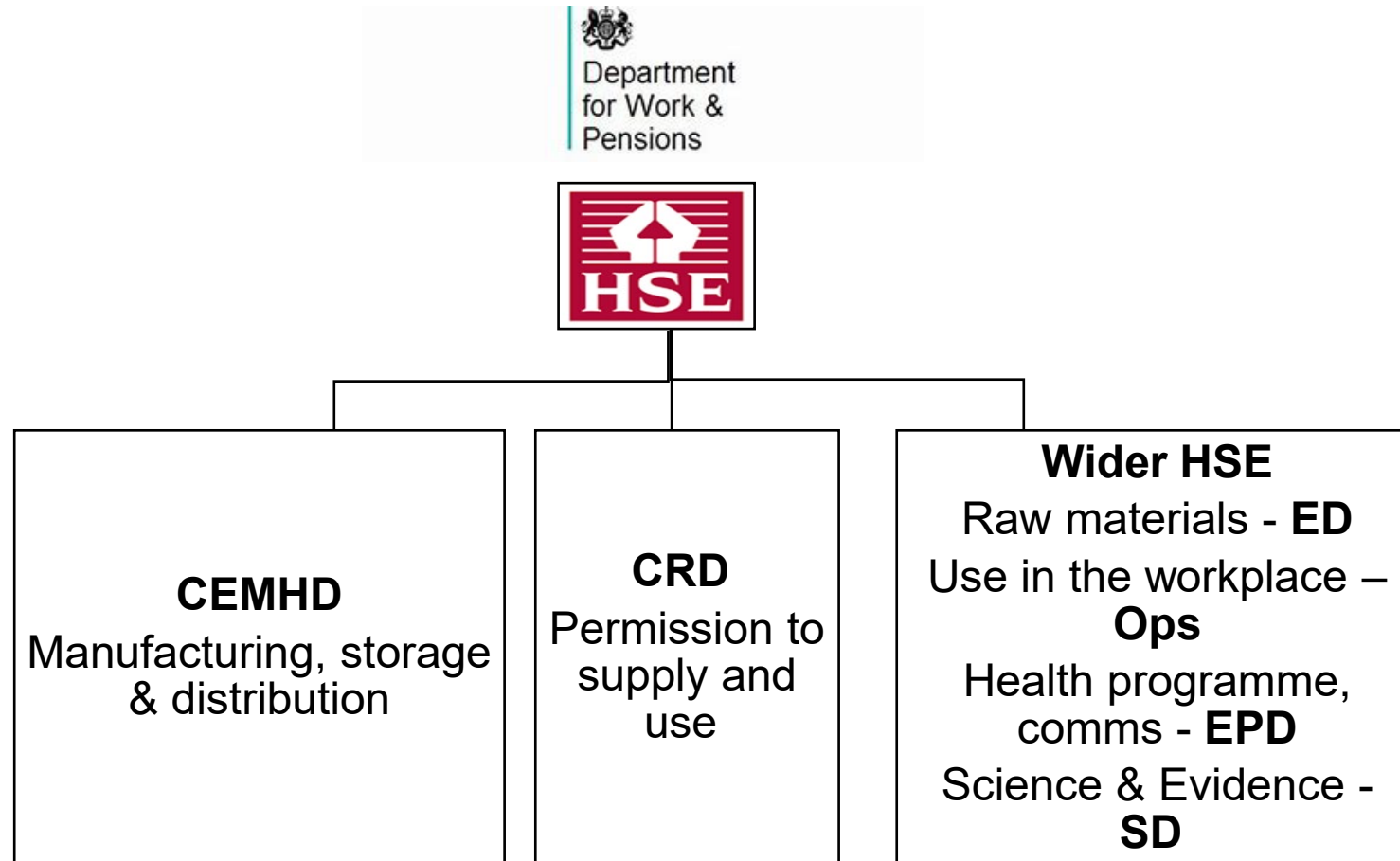
Chemicals Regulation in the UK

Post EU Exit:

'Establish an **independent** regulatory framework that **maintains** the high standards of protection for human health and the environment.'



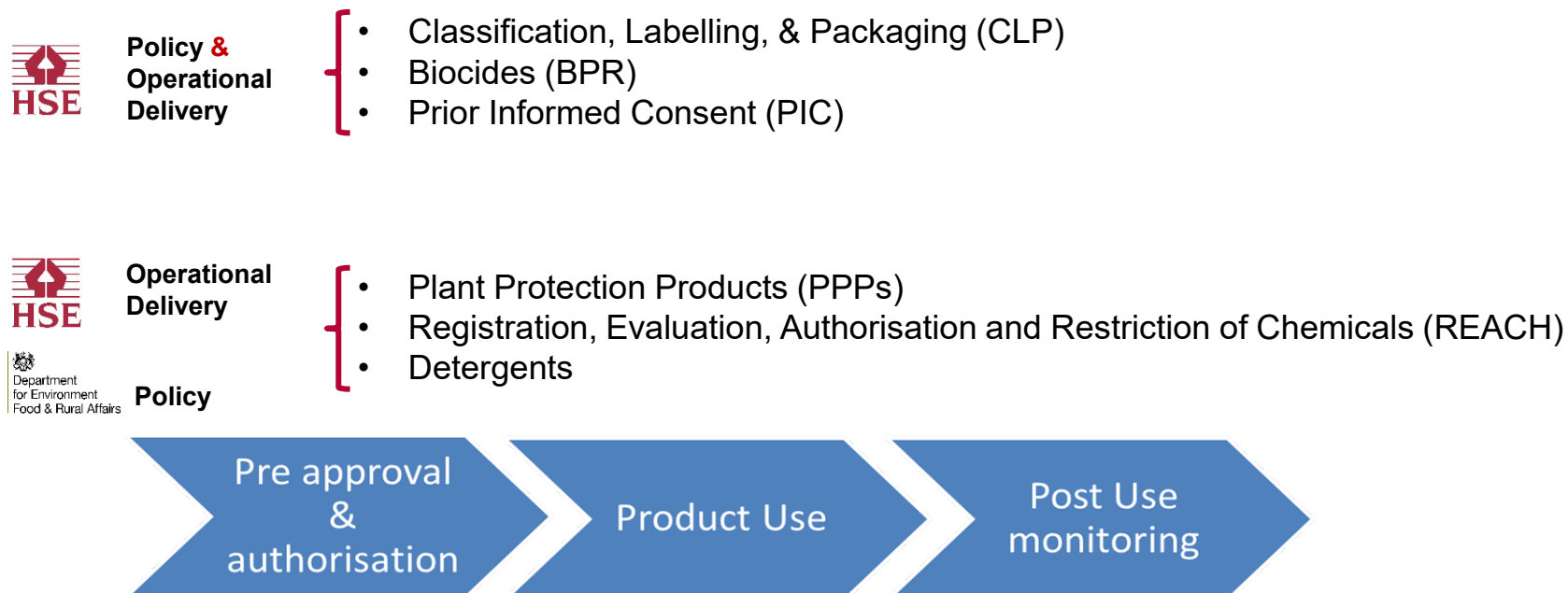
Regulating chemicals in HSE



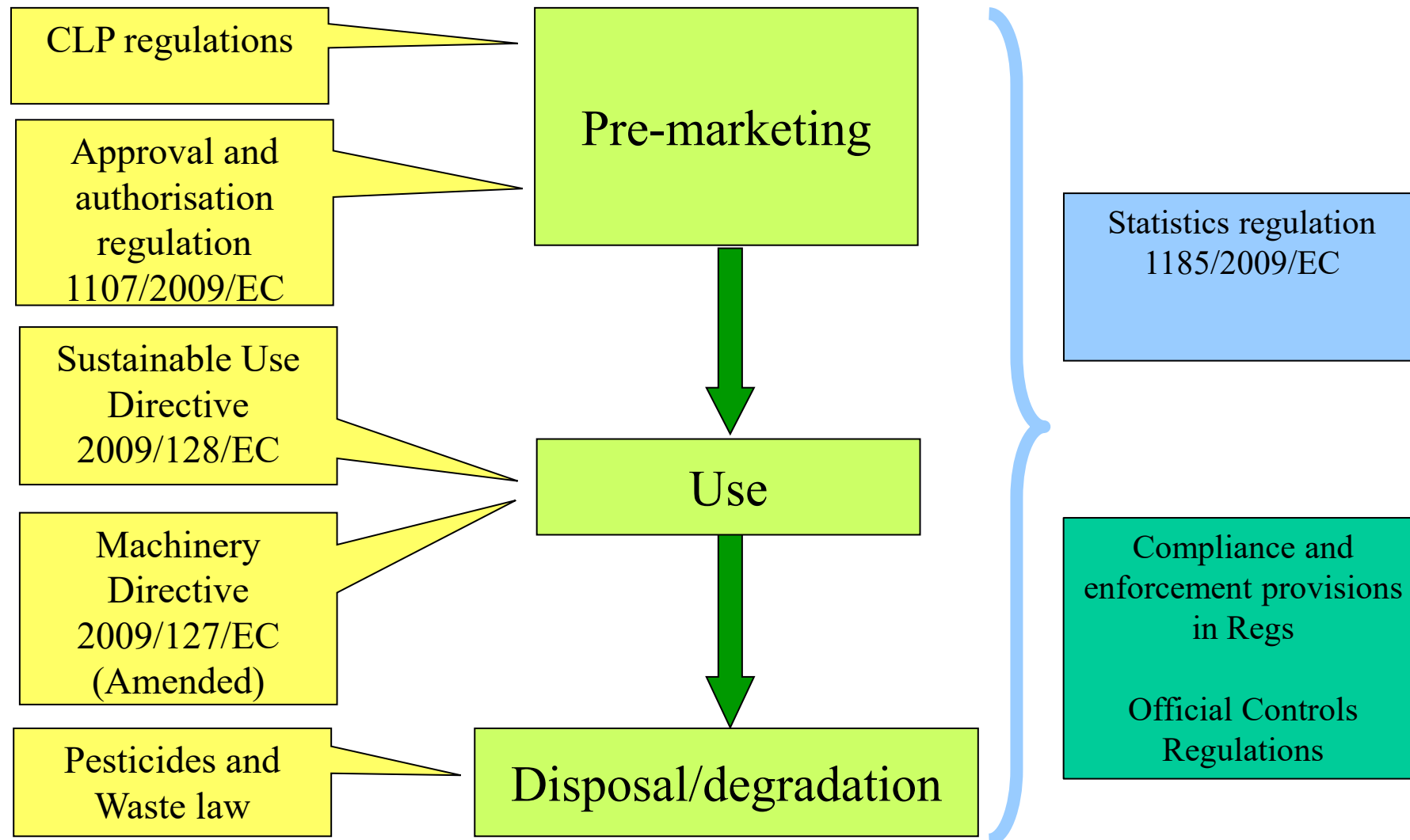
Chemicals Regulation : HSE / Defra / Devolved Administrations Key Partnership



- Strategic governance arrangements between HSE, Defra, Devolved Administrations



Regulatory framework for PPPs



EU exit



- Legislative changes
 - “lift and shift” EU legislation
 - fix inoperabilities only
- Developments as negotiations progressed
 - timing of exit
 - transition period
 - Northern Ireland Protocol
 - EU regulatory changes
- New responsibilities and work
- New retained legislation

GB Active Substances - Overview



- GB process developed for approval of new active substances
- All GB approved active substances are included in a statutory active substance register
- Register is published on the HSE website
- GB review programme is being developed
- Active substance approvals can be reviewed at any time, should new evidence identify any concerns to human health or the environment
- Active substance approvals due to expire before December 2023 have been extended for 3 years while the GB review programme is being developed

Using applications from other jurisdictions

- HSE makes use of assessments made in other jurisdictions currently, and this will not change where they are relevant and appropriate to GB
- Decisions on whether assessments are suitable will be on a case by case basis
- **GB decisions will, at present, be made to the same regulatory standards as in EU**
- Until requirements change, it is likely they will be considered relevant
- Applicants can make a case as to why decisions from other jurisdictions are valid
- Whilst other assessments from any other jurisdiction could be used to support a GB application, we would not rely upon them and **GB will take independent decisions**

Product applications and process



- Authorisations issued in the UK before the end of the transition period continue to be valid in GB and NI
- Authorisations issued after the end of the Transition Period specify whether they are valid in GB or NI only, or both
- Following exit, applicants require authorisation under both the GB and NI regimes to gain access to both markets
- New applications - no changes in data requirements or format

Product applications and process



- Where possible, HSE will maintain a common MAPP Number
- Similarly we aim to allow common labelling
- **Divergence** may occur:
 - As a result of changes to expiry dates in active substances
 - If GB takes a different decision to the EU
 - If GB makes a decision at a different time to the EU
- Divergence will impact on conditions of authorisations, data protection periods and MAPP numbers

Maximum residue levels

- GB MRL setting
- Continuity until amendments made
- GB MRL review programme to be developed

GB New Actives - Cinmethylin

(NI still under the EU Process)

- System does allow for parallel processing of active substance, representative product, MRL and classification
- First active approved under the new GB regulatory regime
- Representative products authorised in the following week
- Additional products can be started towards the end of the active substance approval process (don't have to wait for approval of the active before applying)
- Significant time benefits under the new GB process

New technology

- Recognise potential benefits new technologies can bring
 - More sustainable pesticide use
 - Wider benefits for UK business
- Our arrangements need/goal is to:
 - Avoid harm to human health and unacceptable effects on the environment.
 - Not impede but facilitate the adoption of helpful technological developments
- Need to understand/consider:
 - Breadth and depth of change – for example Big data, AI, remote sensing, robotics, genetics
 - Developments with existing technologies
 - Understand what these technologies do - when they may be ‘coming to market’ and how might they interact with each other/when might this happen and what would be the impact/consequences of them coming together
- Learning valuable lessons with drones

Application of Pesticides via Drone

International work

- Leading OECD drone sub-Group. Regulators, industry and researchers from Europe, North America, Asia and Australasia.
- Assessed ‘state of knowledge’ of understanding of risk. Report available on-line.
- Now working to implement recommendations. To give regulators and others processes and mechanisms to assess risk.

National work

- Developing processes taking account of OECD work. In discussion with drone companies looking at a range of scenarios.
- Established a UK drone stakeholder group (government, industries and researchers). Will ensure shared understanding of issues and brings together relevant parties who will need to work together.
- Now “open for business” in this area

Interim operating Capability and Transformation



- UK Gov strategy for Day 1 outside the EU (1 January 2021) was to plan for an interim operating capability (IOC), where possible (which depended on the shape of the Withdrawal Agreement).
- In order to meet its legal obligations outside the EU, HSE set up a Transition Programme to put in place a range of temporary solutions to mitigate the loss of access to EU systems and support the delivery of new regulatory functions.
- **The Biocides and Pesticides Transformation Programme (BPTP)** was set up in April 2021 to deliver ***“a transformed, modern digital service, to optimise processes and technology used for the registration of biocides and pesticides (plant protection products) in the UK which will significantly improve internal and external users’ experience.”***

Other future issues

- Development of review programmes
- Using assessments from other jurisdictions
- Considering implications of international developments in decision-making and standards/risk assessment development
- Northern Ireland Protocol Bill
- Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill

Thank you

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Responding to policy change

National Action Plan – for sustainable use of PPP's

- Yet to be published
- Need to Prepare



Economy

Cost

Profit & Loss



Society

Operators

General Public



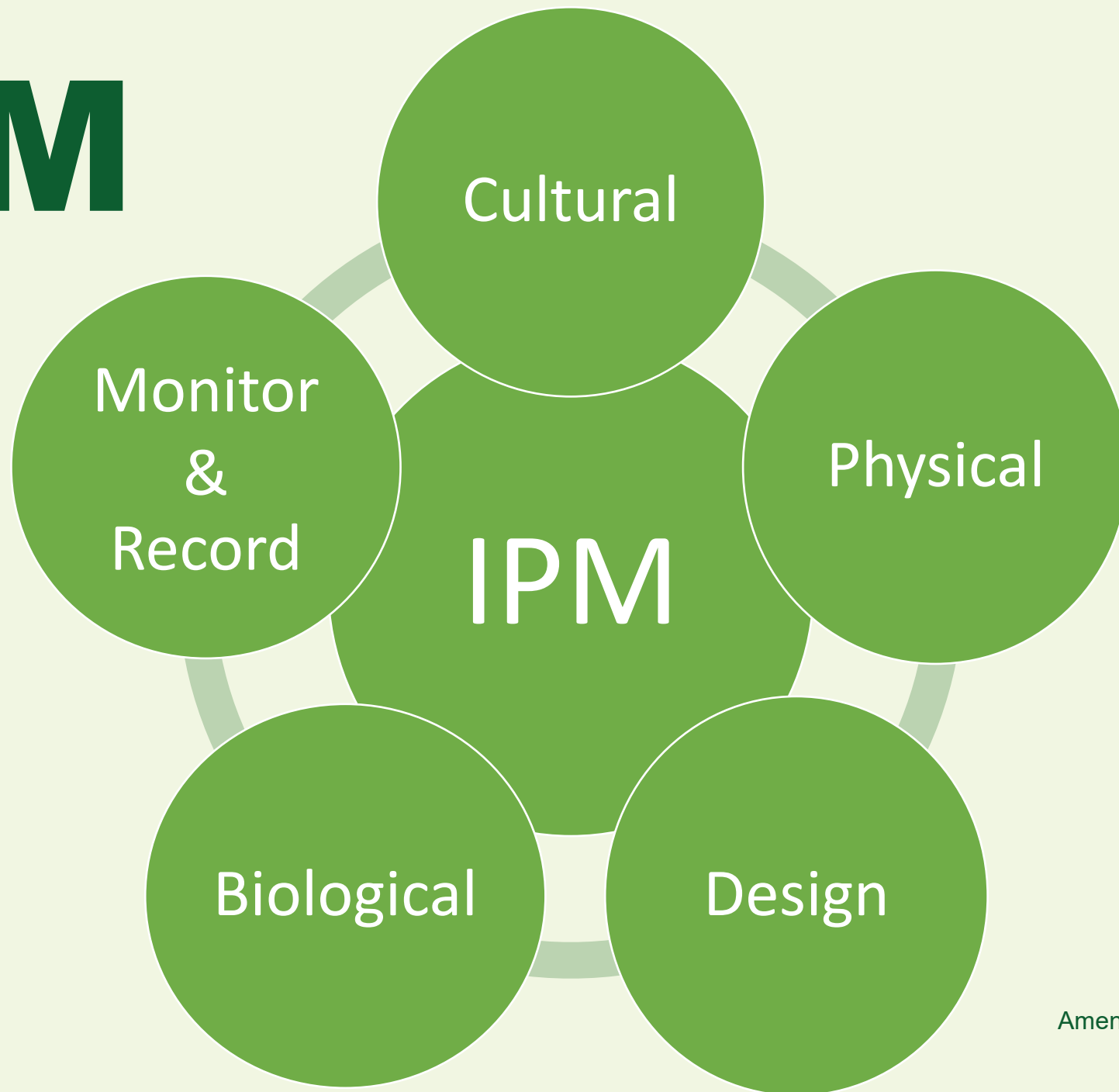
Environment

Planet

Biodiversity

Sustainability

IPM



Engagement – Amenity Sector

- Updating Events
 - Peer education
 - Networking
- Education
- Operator – CPD schemes
- Social Media
- Website
 - Guidance
 - Protocols

Amenity Standard



- Quality Management Standard
- Developed, by the amenity industry.
- Those operating to the Standard will be:
 - committed to integrated amenity management
 - demonstrating the highest professional standards
 - members of an approved assurance scheme recognised by the Standard.

Regulatory Framework – Amenity Sector

- Existing Active substances list - reviews
 - 3-year extension – helps planning
- New Active Substances
 - Good to see new a.i's
- Label extensions – new crops
- EAMU's
- New Technologies

OCR – Amenity Sector

- Registration still Open
 - Encourage any organisation to register
 - Users & Sellers
- Pesticide Enforcement Officer Inspections
 - Visits have started for sellers
 - Follow-up information



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Audience Participation
Questions