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Report Highlights:

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) is responsible for registration of pesticides in South Africa. Registrations in South Africa will cost approximately R6300/product, or just under \$1,000, and it normally takes a minimum of 14-16 months to register the product.

General Information:

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) is responsible for registration of pesticides in South Africa. Pesticides are regulated in terms of the Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, 1947 (Act No. 36 of 1947).

To register a pesticide product in South Africa, one needs to have a local legal entity that will represent the applicant company through. The legal entity can be a person or a company that has to be registered under the Company Act with the Department of Trade and Industry.

Pesticides can be registered if they have proven to be effective, safe and of good quality. Therefore the following data will be needed during the application process:

- Five batch analysis reports to prove chemical and toxicological equivalence. Such data must be generated from the GLP (Good Laboratory Practice) accredited independent laboratory.
- Details of the manufacture.
- At least three biological efficacy data reports conducted on local cockroach species. In South Africa such studies are conducted by the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS).
- All chemical-physical data of the active ingredient and the formulated product must also be submitted. All specifications of the product like storage stability data must be submitted.
- Details of the mode of action on how the product works.

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