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## APVMA June quarterly report released with strong performance maintained

The APVMA fourth quarter performance statistics for April – June 2021 have been released. Overall, 93 per cent of applications were completed on-time, the same as the previous quarter, but up from 90 per cent the same quarter last year. This is largely hindered by permit processing holding at 70 per cent (consistent with 70 per cent in the previous quarter, and down from 77 per cent June quarter 2020).

The number of new pesticide applications completed within timeframe remains at 99 per cent, as per the previous quarter. This maintains the timeframe performance of the APVMA. However, that is achieved as a result of a significantly reduced workload. The APVMA started 678 new applications and finalised 682 applications for product registration, active approval and permits. This is down from 818 new applications and 768 finalised applications from the same quarter in 2020, indicating that while there are fewer applications to process, the APVMA has made strides at reducing backlogs and consistently achieving 99 per cent processing within statutory timeframes.

The timeframe performance for major assessment applications remains broadly consistent, gaining one percentage point from the last quarter (98 per cent) to be at 99 per cent. This remains a substantial increase from the previous year when major assessments were at just 88 per cent.

There was a slight increase in product applications from the previous quarter (434 up from 407), which is a 17 per cent drop from the same quarter last year, where there were 522.

CropLife continues to work constructively with the Regulator, Department and Federal Government on implementing targeted reforms to see further, genuine efficiency improvements and remove unnecessary regulatory burden on the APVMA so that the regulator can further increase efficiency to exceed the minimum statutory requirements.

[View the full timeframe performance statistics online](#)

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