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CONFORMITY CONTINUUM

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INTRODUCTION
FIVE PRINCIPLES

Transparency
Fairness
Timeliness
Predictability
Confidentiality

CONFORMITY CONTINUUM I

- *Information Bulletin on Conformity Continuum* - issued June 2000
- Provides graphic and textual summary of Bureau approach to enforcement and administration of *Competition Act*
- Constituent parts have evolved over past several years in response to changing environment
CONFORMITY CONTINUUM II

- Bureau responsibility is to inform and seek compliance with the law
- Balance and Integrated Approach
APPROACH

- Expanded
- Targeted
- Transparent
- Bureau-wide
- Tool-box of instruments

ADVANTAGES / BENEFITS

- Better informed staff
- Better informed stakeholders
- Greater opportunities for partnership
- Targeted response to non-compliance
THE CONTINUUM AT WORK

• Real life examples
  – Agricultural herbicides
  – Refined petroleum products

CONCLUSION

• Importance of integrated and balanced approach
• Effective use of resources