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REMINDER

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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(HSM Division)

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Date: December 22, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Follow-up action on the decisions taken during the 10th Conference of Parties (COP) meeting of the Stockholm and Rotterdam Convention -regarding.


This is in reference to Ministry's OM of even number dated 8th September, 2022 regarding follow-up action on the decisions taken during 10th Conference of Parties (COP) meeting of the Stockholm and Rotterdam Convention held during 06-17th June-2022. A copy is enclosed for reference.

2.9 The matter was earlier examined in the ministry to coordinate follow-up actions and it was noted that two chemicals viz. deca-Bromodiphenylether (deca-BDE) and Short Chain Chlorinated Paraffins (SCCP) were listed in the 8th COP meeting of Stockholm Convention (SC) in 2017. The available information indicated that the chemicals are used in automotive sector. It is submitted that SC Secretariat is seeking information on these chemicals occurring as constituents of articles or of the production and use of chemicals as closed system site-limited intermediates. The Parties have also been invited to share the information on suitable alternatives substances or processes to substitute the use of deca-BDE and SCCPs. Hence, MoEF&CE may like to share information on these chemicals, after due consultation with industry stakeholders.

In view of the above, you are requested to kindly provide information/ inputs on the aspects under Para-2 to enable this Ministry to prepare a consolidated reply

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

we may take inputs from industry associations.
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Rome/Geneva, 12 December 2022

Subject: PIC Circular LVI of the Rotterdam Convention

Dear Designated National Authority for the Rotterdam Convention,

Please find enclosed PIC Circular LVI ((56), December 2022) of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, which is being sent to all Designated National Authorities (DNAs), along with the register of DNAs. The PIC Circular LVI can also be obtained from the Rotterdam Convention website (<http://www.pic.int/tabid/1168/Default.aspx>), as a USB wafer card, or as hardcopy upon request to the Secretariat (pic@fao.org or brs@un.org).

HIGHLIGHTS

OUTCOME OF THE FACE-TO-FACE SEGMENT OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCES OF THE PARTIES TO THE BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS IN JUNE 2022

The Rotterdam Convention COP-10 at its face-to-face segment by decisions RC-10/6 and RC-10/7 decided to amend Annex III to the Convention to list the following chemicals, making them subject to the Prior Informed Consent Procedure, and approved the related Decision Guidance Documents:

Chemical	Relevant CAS number(s)	Category	Decision No.
Decabromodiphenyl ether	1163-19-5	Industrial	CRC-15/2
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds	335-67-1*	Industrial	CRC-16/2

*Note:

The following are included in this designation:

- Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and its salts
- Any related substance (including its salts and polymers) having a linear or branched perfluoroheptyl group with the formula C_7F_{15} - directly attached to another carbon atom as one of the structural elements
- Any related substance (including its salts and polymers) having a linear or branched perfluorooctyl group with the formula C_8F_{17} - as one of the structural elements

The following substances are excluded from this designation:

- C_8F_{17} -X, where X = F, Cl, Br
- C_8F_{17} -C(=O)OH, C_8F_{17} -C(=O)O-X' or C_8F_{17} -CF₂-X' (where X'=any group, including salts)
- Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and its derivatives (PFOS) ($C_8F_{17}SO_2X$ (X=OH, Metal salt (O-M+), halide, amide, and other derivatives including polymers)).

To: All Designated National Authorities for the Rotterdam Convention

Cc: Official Contact Points for the Rotterdam Convention, FAO and UNEP Representatives, FAO and UNEP Regional Offices

The amendments to list decabromodiphenyl ether and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds in Annex III entered into force for all Parties on 22 October 2022. The Secretariat, in distributing the DGDs for the above listed chemicals, invited all Parties to provide import responses by 21 July 2023, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 10 of the Convention.

By decision RC-10/11, the Conference of the Parties also adopted the programme of work for the newly established Compliance Committee for the biennium 2022-2023. The Compliance Committee held its first meeting from 16 to 18 November 2022 in Geneva and all meeting documents were made available on the Rotterdam Convention website¹.

OUTCOME OF THE EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF THE CHEMICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The eighteenth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee of the Rotterdam Convention was held from 19 to 23 September 2022 in Rome, Italy, back-to-back with the eighteenth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee of the Stockholm Convention.

At its eighteenth meeting, the Committee had in front of it twenty-one notifications of final regulatory action for the following ten chemicals:

Candidate chemicals	Notifying Party	Published in PIC Circular
Amitrole	Ecuador	LII (December 2020)
Carbaryl	Mozambique	LI (June 2020)
Carbon tetrachloride	Ecuador	LII (December 2020)
Chlorfenvinphos	Mozambique	LI (June 2020)
	Norway	XIII (June 2001)
	Turkey	LIII (June 2021)
Methidathion	Mozambique	LI (June 2020)
	Uruguay	L (December 2019)
	Turkey	LIII (June 2021)
Methyl bromide	Colombia	LII (December 2020)
	Indonesia	LIII (June 2021)
Methyl parathion	China	L (December 2019)
	Uruguay	L (December 2019)
	Indonesia	LIII (June 2021)
Mirex	Ecuador	LII (December 2020)
	Indonesia	LIII (June 2021)
Paraquat	Malaysia	LII (December 2020)
	Mozambique	LII (December 2020)
Thiodicarb	Mozambique	LI (June 2020)
	European Union	XXVII (June 2008)
	Turkey	LIII (June 2021)

¹ <http://www.pic.int/TheConvention/ComplianceCommittee/Meetings/CC1/Overview/tabid/9272/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

The Committee at its eighteenth meeting recommended that two pesticides, paraquat and methyl bromide, be listed in Annex III to the Convention. Draft decision guidance documents for these chemicals will be developed in the intersessional period and considered at the nineteenth meeting of the Committee in October 2023.

In addition, the Committee finalized and adopted two draft decision guidance documents for terbufos and iprodione, chemicals that were recommended for listing in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention at the Committee's seventeenth meeting. The Committee's recommendations, together with the related draft decision guidance documents will be forwarded to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2023 (COP-11).

IMPORT RESPONSES FOR ALL ANNEX III CHEMICALS

The Secretariat reminds all Parties of their obligation under Article 10 to submit import responses for all chemicals listed in Annex III. The form and instructions for the submission of import responses are available on the Convention website.² Parties are invited to contact the Secretariat (pic@fao.org or brs@un.org) for any assistance in that regard.

IMPORT RESPONSES FOR CHEMICALS RECOMMENDED FOR LISTING IN ANNEX III

The Secretariat reminds all Parties of decisions RC-3/3, RC-4/4, RC-6/8, RC-8/6, RC-8/7 and RC-9/5 of the Conference of the Parties. These decisions encouraged Parties to **make use of available information**; to make **informed decisions regarding the import and management**; and to **inform other Parties** of those decisions using the information exchange provisions in Article 14. These decisions address the following chemicals: acetochlor; carbosulfan; chrysotile asbestos; fenthion (ultra-low volume (ULV) formulations at or above 640 g active ingredient/L); and liquid formulations (emulsifiable concentrate and soluble concentrate) containing paraquat dichloride at or above 276 g/L, corresponding to paraquat ion at or above 200 g/L.

In line with these decisions and paragraph 1 of Article 14, Appendix VI of the PIC Circular contains information on chemicals recommended by the Chemical Review Committee for listing in Annex III but for which the Conference of the Parties has yet to take a final decision.

Parties wishing to take advantage of this information exchange and to respond to the encouragement of the Conference of the Parties are invited to consult the information available on the Rotterdam Convention website and transmit any decisions regarding the import and management of these chemicals to the Secretariat.

NOTIFICATIONS OF FINAL REGULATORY ACTIONS (FRAs)

The Secretariat encourages Parties to review Appendix I, Part A of the PIC Circular (*Summary of notifications of final regulatory action that have been verified to contain all the information required by Annex I to the Convention*), which provides information on chemicals for which Parties have taken actions that do not require subsequent regulatory action and the purpose of which is to ban or severely restrict a chemical. These notifications were received from Parties between 1 May 2022 and 31 October 2022. More detailed information on the final regulatory actions (FRAs) taken for these chemicals is available in the database on the Convention website.³

The Secretariat also draws the attention of Parties to the list of chemicals in Appendix V, Part A, of the PIC Circular (*Notifications of final regulatory action for chemicals not listed in Annex III and verified as containing all the information required by Annex I to the Convention*). These notifications were received from Parties between September 1998 and 31 October 2022. The Secretariat encourages Parties, where appropriate, to give priority to these chemicals when considering final regulatory actions and in preparing notifications. If Parties require assistance in bridging information or in

² <http://www.pic.int/tabid/1165/Default.aspx>.

³ <http://www.pic.int/tabid/1368/Default.aspx>.

preparing notifications of final regulatory actions, they may contact the Secretariat at pic@fao.org or brs@un.org.

The Secretariat is inviting the Parties to make use of the Final Regulatory Action Evaluation Toolkit (FRAE Toolkit) aimed at assisting and enhancing the efforts by DNAs, especially those from developing country Parties and Parties that are countries with economies in transition, to take scientifically sound decisions and submit notifications of final regulatory actions (FRAs) under Article 5. The FRA Evaluation Toolkit is available on the Convention website.⁴

VERIFICATION OF CONTACT DETAILS FOR DESIGNATED NATIONAL AUTHORITIES (DNAs)

Designations, including new notifications and updates to the DNAs received between 1 May 2022 and 31 October 2022, are included in the enclosed Register of DNAs. Full and subsequently updated contact details as transmitted by Parties are available on the Convention website.⁵

Parties are invited to review their contact details for accuracy and completeness and advise the Secretariat, in consultation with the Official Contact Points (OCPs) if necessary, of any updates, errors or omissions.

UPDATE OF COUNTRY-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Country profile pages for each Party are available on the Convention website.⁶ The country profiles provide information on DNAs and OCPs, import responses, notifications of final regulatory action, participation in meetings and technical assistance activities for each Party. Parties are invited to review the information provided on their country profile page and advise the Secretariat of any updates, errors or omissions.

PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

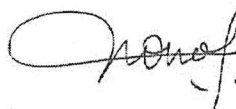
As of 31 October 2022, there were 165 Parties to the Convention. Information on any new Parties for which the Convention enters into force after 31 October 2022 will be reported in the next PIC Circular.

The Secretariat wishes to thank all Parties for their continued support in implementing the Rotterdam Convention. We remain available to assisting all Parties as may be needed. Please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat if assistance is required to fulfil the obligations under the Convention.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosures:

PIC Circular LVI (56) 12 December 2022, in English, French and Spanish;
Register of DNAs, in English.

⁴ <http://www.pic.int/tabid/4976/Default.aspx>.

⁵ <http://www.pic.int/tabid/3282/Default.aspx>.

⁶ <http://www.pic.int/tabid/1087/Default.aspx>.

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Date: September 08, 2022

Office Memorandum

Sub: Follow-up action on the decisions taken during the 10th Conference of Parties (COP) meeting of the Rotterdam Convention on the PIC procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade – reg.

The 10th meeting of the Rotterdam Convention (RC) on the PIC procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade and Stockholm Convention (SC) on Persistent Organic Pollutants was held from 6-17 June, 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland, along with Basel Convention. INDIA, being a party to the RC and SC, was represented by a delegation headed by Shri Tanmay Kumar, AS, MoEFCC. The representatives of Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals (DCPC), Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers and Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare were also a part of the delegation.

2. Pursuant to the COP meeting, the MoEFCC is in receipt of a communication from the Secretariat of BRS conventions requesting for follow-up action on the decisions taken during the COP meetings. The matter was examined in the Ministry to coordinate follow-up actions and it was noted that two chemicals viz. deca-Bromodiphenylether (deca-BDE) and Short Chain Chlorinated Paraffins (SCCP) were listed in the 8th COP meeting of Stockholm convention (SC) in 2017. The available information indicate that the chemicals are used in automotive sector. It is submitted that the SC Secretariat is seeking information on these chemicals occurring as constituents of articles or of the production and use of chemicals as closed system site-limited intermediates. The Parties have also been invited share information on suitable alternative substances or processes to substitute the use of deca-BDE and SCCPs. Hence, MoHI&PE may like to share information on these chemicals, in consultation with industry stakeholders.

3. Apropos above, is requested to provide information/ inputs on the aspects raised under Para-2 to enable this Ministry to prepare a consolidated reply.

4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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