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Continued cooperation with the World Customs Organisation

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Note by the secretariat

1. Annexed to the present note is a brief report on cooperation between the secretariat and the World Customs Organization (WCO) since the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention in September 2005.
2. The Conference of the Parties may wish:
 - (a) To endorse continued cooperation between the secretariat and WCO, both in the assignment of customs codes under the WCO Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System to chemicals in Annex III of the Convention and in training customs officials on the relevant provisions of the Rotterdam Convention within their respective technical assistance programmes;
 - (b) To note that the Harmonized System codes for chemicals or groups of chemicals in Annex III of the Convention will enter into force on 1 January 2007 and remind Parties of their obligation under paragraph one of Article 13 with respect to the export of these chemicals.

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Annex

Cooperation with the World Customs Organization

Report by the secretariat

1. Since the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the secretariat has continued to cooperate with the World Customs Organization (WCO). This cooperation has taken the form of participating in meetings of the WCO Harmonized System Review Sub-Committee and in working to determine how the needs of customs officials with respect to the Rotterdam Convention might be reflected in the technical assistance activities of WCO and the secretariat. One outcome has been the provision of general information on the Convention to WCO for distribution through its network of eleven regional training centres. In addition, the guidance document entitled “Guidance to Designated National Authorities on Implementation of the Rotterdam Convention”, which was first published in 2004, has been amended to highlight the importance of communication between designated national authorities and customs officials.
2. The World Customs Organization in June 2004 adopted amendments to the nomenclature of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System and assigned specific Harmonized System codes to many of the individual chemicals and groups of chemicals listed in Annex III of the Convention. Those amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2007. At the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties, a conference room paper listing the Harmonized System codes applicable to Annex III chemicals was circulated. The Conference requested that the list be made available, including through posting on the Convention website. The secretariat subsequently forwarded the list to WCO, requested it to verify that the information it contained was accurate and sought permission to make the list available to those interested in the Rotterdam Convention. WCO verified that the information was accurate and agreed to its dissemination by the secretariat. The list of codes has been posted on the Rotterdam Convention website, will be included in the resource kit and will be made available to countries through technical assistance activities on the implementation of the Convention. It is also set out in the appendix to the present report.
3. WCO has recently published an updated compilation of information on the coverage of a number of international agreements, organized by the chapters of the Harmonized System customs codes. The substances included in Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention were included in that compilation following the 37th session of the Harmonized System Committee.
4. At its 33rd session (15–19 May 2006), the Harmonized System Review Sub-Committee considered a detailed proposal for the assignment of customs codes to Annex III substances not yet included in the Harmonized System. The Sub-Committee forwarded a number of issues relating to those substances to the Scientific Sub-Committee, which is expected to meet late in 2006 or early in 2007. The Sub-Committee agreed that it would consider at a later meeting revised entries for the four additional forms of asbestos included in Annex III by the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting, as its decision to recommend amendment of the Harmonized System to assign customs codes to those chemicals would depend on the decision of the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting on the inclusion of chrysotile asbestos in Annex III.

Appendix

Harmonized System codes assigned to chemicals in Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention

Annex III chemicals and pesticides	CAS number(s)	Harmonized System code Pure substance	Harmonized System code Mixtures, preparations containing substance	Comment
2,4,5-T and its salts and esters	93-76-5	2918.91	3808.50	
Aldrin	309-00-2	2903.52	3808.50	
Binapacryl	485-31-4	2916.36	3808.50	
Captafol	2425-06-1	2930.50	3808.50	
Chlordane	57-74-9	2903.52	3808.50	
Chlordimeform	6164-98-3	2925.21	3808.50	
Chlorobenzilate	510-15-6	2918.18	3808.50	
DDT	50-29-3	2903.62	3808.50	
Dieldrin	60-57-1	2910.40	3808.50	
DNOC and its salts (such as ammonium salt, potassium salt and sodium salt)	534-52-1; 2980-64-5; 5787-96-2; 2312-76-7	2908.99	3808.91 – <i>Insecticides</i> 3808.92 – <i>Fungicides</i> 3808.93 – <i>Herbicides, anti-sprouting products and plant-growth regulators</i>	
Dinoseb and dinoseb salts	88-85-7	2908.91	3808.50	
Dinoseb acetate	2813-95-8	2915.36	3808.50	
1,2-dibromoethane (EDB)	106-93-4	2903.31	3808.50	
Ethylene dichloride	107-06-2	2903.15	3808.50	
Ethylene oxide	75-21-8	2910.10	3808.50 3824.81	
Fluoroacetamide	640-19-7	2924.12	3808.50	
HCH (mixed isomers)	608-73-1	2903.51	3808.50	
Heptachlor	76-44-8	2903.52	3808.50	
Hexachlorobenzene	118-74-1	2903.62	3808.50	
Lindane	58-89-9	2903.51	3808.50	
Mercury compounds, including inorganic mercury compounds, alkyl mercury compounds and alkyloxyalkyl and aryl mercury compounds (CAS numbers)	See also: http://www.pic.int/en/CasNumbers/mercury%20compounds%20CAS%20numbers.pdf	2852.00	3808.50	

Monocrotophos	6923-22-4	2924.12	3808.50	
Parathion	56-38-2	2920.11	3808.50	
Pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters	87-86-5	2908.11 – <i>Pentachlorophenol</i> 2908.19 – <i>salts of</i> <i>Pentachlorophenol</i>	3808.50 – <i>only pesticides</i> <i>containing</i> <i>pentachlorophenol</i> 3808.91, 92, 93, 94, 99 – <i>pesticides containing</i> <i>salts or esters of</i> <i>pentachlorophenol</i>	
Toxaphene	8001-35-2	–	3808.50	
Dustable powder formulations containing a combination of: benomyl at or above 7 per cent, carbofuran at above 10 per cent, thiram at or above 15 per cent	17804-35-2; 1563-66-2; 137-26-8	–	3808.92	
Monocrotophos (soluble liquid formulations of the substance that exceed 600 g active ingredient/l)	6923-22-4	2924.12	3808.50	Will be deleted from Annex III (1 January 2006)
Methamidophos (soluble liquid formulations of the substance that exceed 600 g active ingredient/l)	10265-92-6	2930.50	3808.50	
Phosphamidon (soluble liquid formulations of the substance that exceed 1000 g active ingredient/l)				
mixture, (E) & (Z) isomers)	13171-21-6	2924.12	3808.50	
(Z)-isomer	23783-98-4			
(E)-isomer	297-99-4			
Methyl-parathion (emulsifiable concentrates (EC) with 19.5%, 40%, 50%, 60% active ingredient and dusts containing 1.5%, 2% and 3% active ingredient)	298-00-0	2920.11	3808.50	

Parathion (including all formulations - aerosols, dustable powder (DP), emulsifiable concentrate (EC), granules (GR) and wettable powders (WP) - of this substance, except capsule suspensions (CS))	56-38-2	2920.11	3808.50	Will be deleted from Annex III (1 January 2006)
Asbestos		2524.10 - Crocidolite 2524.90 - Other	<i>Articles of asbestos-cement, of cellulose fibre-cement or the like</i> 6811.40 – <i>Containing asbestos</i> <i>Fabricated asbestos fibres; mixtures with a basis of asbestos or with a basis of asbestos and magnesium carbonate; articles of such mixtures or of asbestos (for example, thread, woven fabric, clothing, headgear, footwear, gaskets), whether or not reinforced, other than goods of heading 68.11 or 68.13</i> 6812.91 – <i>Clothing, clothing accessories, footwear and headgear</i> 6812.92 – <i>Paper, millboard and felt</i> 6812.93 – <i>Compressed asbestos fibre jointing in sheets or rolls</i> 6812.99 - <i>Other</i> <i>Friction material and articles thereof (for example, sheets, rolls, strips, segments, discs, washers, pads), not mounted, for brakes, clutches or the like, with a basis of asbestos, of other mineral substances or of cellulose, whether or not combined with textile or other materials</i> 6813.20 – <i>Containing asbestos</i>	

Crocidolite	12001-28-4	2524.10	6812.80	
Actinolite	77536-66-4	2524.90	<i>Fabricated asbestos fibres; mixtures with a basis of asbestos or with a basis of asbestos and magnesium carbonate; articles of such mixtures or of asbestos (for example, thread, woven fabric, clothing, headgear, footwear, gaskets), whether or not reinforced, other than goods of heading 68.11 or 68.13</i> <i>6812.91 – Clothing, clothing accessories, footwear and headgear</i> <i>6812.92 – Paper, millboard and felt</i> <i>6812.93 – Compressed asbestos fibre jointing in sheets or rolls</i> <i>6812.99 - Other</i>	
Anthophyllite	77536-67-5	2524.90		
Anthophyllite	12172-73-5	2524.90		
Tremolite	77536-68-6	2524.90		
Polybrominated biphenyls (PBB)				
(hexa-)	1336-36-3	–	3824.82	
(octa-)	27858-07-7			
(deca-)	13654-09-6			
Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB)	(1336-36-3) see also: http://www.pic.int/en/CasNumbers/PCB%20CAS%20number.pdf	–	3824.82	
Polychlorinated terphenyls (PCT)	61788-33-8	–	3824.82	
Tetraethyl lead	78-00-2	2931.00	e.g., 3811.11 – Anti-knock preparations based on lead compounds	No amendment in 2007 HS Revision
Tetramethyl lead	75-74-1	2931.00	e.g., 3811.11 – Anti-knock preparations based on lead compounds	No amendment in 2007 HS Revision
Tris (2,3-dibromopropyl) phosphate	126-72-7	2919.10	3824.83	