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**Implementation of the Convention: Report of the Chemical Review Committee
on the work of its third and fourth meetings**

Chemicals scheduled for review at the fifth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee

Note by the Secretariat

1. The annex to the present note contains a table listing chemicals that are scheduled for review at the fifth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee, scheduled to be held in March 2009, and a request for information on trade in those chemicals.
2. The notifications of final regulatory action noted in the table have been verified and found to meet the information requirements of Annex I of the Convention. The table indicates the date on which the supporting documentation was requested from notifying Governments and the edition of the PIC Circular in which such information was published, as of 25 September 2008

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Annex

Candidate chemicals scheduled for review by the Chemical Review Committee at its fifth meeting

Banned and severely restricted chemicals identified in line with article 5

For each of the chemicals listed, a notification of final regulatory action from each of at least two regions has been submitted to the Secretariat in line with article 5 (procedures for banned and severely restricted chemicals). The Secretariat has verified that the notifications meet the information requirements of Annex I of the Convention.

The table indicates the date on which the supporting documentation was requested from notifying Governments and the edition of the PIC Circular in which such information was published. Following the table is a request for the submission of information on international trade in these chemicals from Governments, industry and other non-governmental organizations.

Pesticides

Chemical name	Country name	Date on which supporting documentation was requested	PIC Circular
Azinphos-methyl	Canada	15 September 2008	Circular XXVIII, 12/12/2008
	Thailand	15 September 2008	Circular XVI, 12/12/2002
Phorate	Canada	15 September 2008	Circular XXVIII, 12/12/2008
	Thailand	15 September 2008	Circular XVI, 12/12/2002
Paraquat	Sweden	available	Circular XXIII, 12/06/2006
	Uruguay	24 September 2008	Circular XXVIII, 12/12/2008
Methyl parathion	European Union	available	Circular XVIII, 12/12/2004
	Uruguay	24 September 2008	Circular XXVIII, 12/12/2008
Mirex	Canada	available	Circular XXVIII, 12/12/2008
	Uruguay	24 September 2008	Circular XXVIII, 12/12/2008

Industrial chemicals

Chemical name	Country name	Date on which supporting documentation was requested	PIC Circular
Hexachlorobutadiene	Canada	15 September 2008	Circular XXVIII, 12/12/2008
	Japan	15 September 2008	Circular XXII, 12/12/2005
Hexachlorobenzene	Canada	15 September 2008	Circular XXVIII, 12/12/2008
	Panama	15 September 2008	Circular XIX, 12/06/2004
	Japan	15 September 2008	Circular XX, 12/12/2004

Call for information on trade

Attention:

Countries and other interested parties are invited to submit information on ongoing trade and use of azinphos-methyl, paraquat, methyl parathion, mirex, phorate, hexachlorobenzene and hexachlorobutadiene by 1 January 2009

Process for collecting information on ongoing international trade

In line with the process for collecting information on ongoing international trade, adopted by the Chemical Review Committee at its first meeting, countries and other interested parties are invited to submit information on ongoing trade and use of these chemicals.

a. The notifying Parties have been requested to provide, where available, information on: (1) the last time they imported the chemical; (2) whether or not they manufactured the chemical and, if so, 3) whether they continue to export it;

b. The global pesticide industry association, CropLife International (CLI), has been requested to provide a response as to whether azinphos-methyl, paraquat, methyl parathion, mirex and phorate are manufactured and traded.

c. The International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) has been requested to provide a response as to whether hexachlorobenzene and hexachlorobutadiene are manufactured and traded.

d. The Pesticide Action Network (PAN) has been requested to provide a response as to whether azinphos-methyl, paraquat, methyl parathion, mirex and phorate are manufactured and traded.

e. Designated national authorities (DNAs) will be requested to provide information on this with PIC Circular XXVIII (December 2008).