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(N.B. : chemical elements and pesticides are not included in this list)

| | |
|-------|--|
| ADI | acceptable daily intake |
| ai | active ingredient |
| b.p. | boiling point |
| bw | body weight |
| °C | degree Celsius (centigrade) |
| CCPR | Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues |
| DNA | Designated National Authority |
| EC | emulsion concentrate |
| EEC | European Economic Community |
| EPA | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency |
| ERL | extraneous residue limit |
| FAO | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations |
| g | gram |
| µg | microgram |
| GAP | good agricultural practice |
| GL | guideline level |
| ha | hectare |
| IARC | International Agency for Research on Cancer |
| i.m. | intramuscular |
| i.p. | intraperitoneal |
| IPCS | International Programme on Chemical Safety |
| IRPTC | International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals |
| JMPR | Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (Joint Meeting of the FAO Panel of Experts on Pesticide Residues in Food and the Environment and a WHO Expert Group on Pesticide Residues) |

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| k | kilo- (x 10 ³) |
| kg | kilogram |
| l | litre |
| LC ₅₀ | lethal concentration, 50% |
| LD ₅₀ | lethal dose, median |
| m | metre |
| mg | milligram |
| ml | millilitre |
| m.p. | melting point |
| MRL | Maximum Residue Limit. |
| MTD | maximum tolerated dose |
| ng | nanogram |
| NOEL | no-observed-effect level |
| NOAEL | no-observed-adverse-effect level |
| NS | Not Stated |
| OP | organophosphorus pesticide |
| PHI | pre-harvest interval |
| ppb | parts per billion |
| ppm | parts per million (Used only in reference to the concentration of a pesticide in an experimental diet. In all other contexts the terms mg/kg or mg/l are used). |
| ppt | parts per trillion |
| sp gr | specific gravity |
| STEL | Short Term Exposure Limit |
| TADI | Temporary Acceptable Daily Intake |
| TLV | Threshold Limit Value |
| TMDI | theoretical maximum daily intake |
| TMRL | Temporary Maximum Residue Limit |
| TWA | Time Weighted Average |
| UNEP | United Nations Environment Programme |

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|-----|---------------------------|
| WHO | World Health Organization |
| WP | wettable powder |
| wt | weight |
| < | less than |
| << | much less than |
| ≤ | less than or equal to |
| > | greater than |
| ≥ | greater than or equal to |

**PIC Decision Guidance Document for acutely hazardous pesticides
of concern to human health under conditions of use in developing countries**

Methyl parathion

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| Common Name | Methyl parathion |
| Other names/ Synonyms | Parathion methyl |
| CAS-No. | 298-00-0 |
| Use | Agricultural chemical, insecticide, acaricide |
| Trade Names | A-Gro, Azofos, Azaophos, Bladan-M, Cekumethion, Dalf, Devithion, dimethyl parathion, Drexel Methyl parathion 4E & 601, Dygun, Dypar, E-601, Ekatox, Folidol M, M40 & 80, Fosferno M, Fostox Metil, Gearphos, Kilex Parathion, Kriss Liquide M, Metaphos, methyl parathion, Methyl-bladan, Methyl Fosferno, Methylthiophos, Metron, Mepaton, Mepatox, Metacide, Niletar, Niran M-4, Nitran, Nitrox, Nitrox 80, Oleovofotox, Parapest M50, Parataf, Paratox, Paridol, Partron M, Penncap M & MLS, Penntox MS, Sinafid M-48, Sixty-Three Special EC, Tekwaisa, Thiophenit, Thylpar M-50, Toll, Thylpar M-50, Unidol, Vertac Methyl parathion, Wofatox, Wolfatox |
| Formulation Types | Dusts, emulsifiable concentrates, ULV liquid, wettable powders. Formulations range from 1.5% dusts to 75% ECs, with 50 per cent EC being a common formulation. |
| Basic Manufacturers | All India Medical Co. (India), Bayer India, Bayer Mexico, Cheminova (Denmark) Rallis India Ltd. (India), Sundat (S) Pte. Ltd. (Singapore), Velpol Company (Mexico) |

Reasons for Inclusion in the PIC Procedure

The pesticide is included because of its acute hazard classification and concern as to its impact on human health under conditions of use in developing countries.

After review by the FAO/UNEP Joint Expert Group on PIC, it was decided that certain formulations of parathion methyl emulsifiable concentrates (EC) with 19.5%, 40%, 50%, 60% active ingredient (a.i.) and dusts containing 1.5%, 2% and 3% (a.i.) should be placed in that category. A typically used formulation is 50% EC which falls into WHO Class Ib, Highly Hazardous. Dust formulations were included for consideration even though in WHO Class III because of the great variation of concentrations and uncertainty over potential doses by inhalation, especially because formulations of this pesticide are produced by many manufacturers with varying degrees of control over the proportion of respirable particles.

Some reports attribute specific cases of poisoning to methyl parathion. These reports refer both to occupational exposure and accidental poisoning (See Annex 1, section 3 for details).

Registrars need to carefully consider the formulations actually used in each country in determining the risks of continued use of this pesticide. The toxicity of the active ingredient is high, but many formulations will fall into a much lower category of hazard.

Hazard Classification by International Organisms

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|------------------------|--|--|--------------|---|--------------|
| WHO (WHO, 1996) | Technical product. Class Ia (extremely hazardous), classification based on oral toxicity | | | | |
| | <i>Classification of formulations</i> | | | | |
| | | oral toxicity | | dermal toxicity | |
| | | LD ₅₀ : 3 mg/kg bw (see Ann. 1) | | LD ₅₀ : 40 mg/kg bw (see Ann. 1) | |
| | formulation | a.i. (%) | hazard class | a.i. (%) | hazard class |
| | liquid | >15 | Ia | >90 | Ia |
| | | >1 | Ib | >5 | Ib |
| <1 | | II | >1 | II | |
| solid | >50 | Ia | >40 | Ib | |
| | >5 | Ib | >3 | II | |
| EPA | Category 1 (highly toxic) | | | | |
| EU | T+ (very Toxic) | | | | |
| IARC | Group 3; not classifiable as to their carcinogenicity to humans | | | | |

Protective Measures That Have Been Applied Concerning the Chemical

Measures to Reduce Exposures

- Personal** WHO recommends that for the health and welfare of workers and the general population, the handling and application of methyl parathion should be entrusted only to competently supervised and well-trained applicators, who must follow adequate safety measures and use the chemical according to good application practices. Regularly exposed workers should receive appropriate monitoring and health evaluation. (*IPCS 1986, IPCS 1993*)
- Protection** Protective clothing as indicated in the *FAO Guidelines for Personal Protections when Working with Pesticides in Tropical Climates (FAO, 1990)* is required; a respirator should also be worn by mixers and when spraying tall crops. The use of flaggers should be avoided; if used, they need full protective clothing including a respirator. All equipment and protective clothing should be washed thoroughly after use; clothing should be laundered separately from family clothing.
Unprotected workers should be kept out of treated areas for 48 hours. (*FAO 1990*)
- Application** The manufacture, formulation, agricultural use and disposal of methyl parathion should be carefully managed to minimize contamination of the environment. To minimize risks for all individuals, a 48-hour interval between spraying and re-entry into any sprayed area is recommended.

Pre-harvest intervals should be established and enforced by national authorities.

In view of the high toxicity of methyl parathion, this agent should not be considered in hand-applied ULV spraying practices. (IPCS, 1993)

WHO concludes that with good work practices, hygienic measures and safety precautions, methyl parathion is unlikely to present a hazard for those occupationally exposed. DNAs evaluating the use of methyl parathion in a specific country will need to consider whether the necessary precautions can be ensured in the country as part of the risk assessment of the use of the methyl parathion formulations subject to this Decision Guidance Document. (IPCS, 1975; IPCS, 1986; WHO, 1993)

Regulatory measures

Although the chemical has been included in the PIC procedure because it is a highly toxic pesticide that is likely to cause problems under conditions of storage, transportation and use in developing countries, some countries have reported control actions that may be of interest when considering its use as a pesticide (see below).

Control actions regarding methyl parathion have been reported by Colombia, the Congo, Indonesia, Japan, Sri Lanka and Tanzania (see Annex 2).

Not all of the reports have been determined to be control actions which conform with the FAO/UNEP definitions of banned or severely restricted for health or environmental reasons. However, all reports are provided here since the FAO/UNEP Joint Expert Group on Prior Informed Consent decided that methyl parathion should be included in the PIC procedure due to its potential to cause problems under conditions of use in developing countries regardless of the number of qualifying actions.

For further information on the control actions provided in Annex 2, contact the Designated National Authorities (Annex 3) in the country reporting the control action.

Alternatives

No information on alternatives has been provided by countries taking regulatory actions. Alternatives have been reported in literature. (Gips, 1990)

It is essential that before a country considers substituting any of the reported alternatives, it ensures that the use is relevant to their national needs. A first step may be to contact the DNA in the country where the alternative has been reported (see addresses of DNAs Annex 3). It will then be necessary to determine the compatibility with national crop protection practices.

Packaging and Labelling

Follow *FAO Revised Guidelines on Good Labelling Practice for Pesticides (FAO, 1995)*.

The United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transportation of Dangerous Goods (IPCS, 1993) classifies the chemical in:

Hazard Class 6.1 poisonous substance

Packing Group 2: substances and preparations presenting a serious risk of poisoning, for formulations containing 12-100% methyl parathion

Packing Group 3: harmful substances and preparations presenting a serious risk of poisoning, for solid formulations containing 3-12% active material, and liquid formulations containing 1.2 -12 % active material.

Waste Disposal

Avoid skin contamination and inhalation of vapour. Absorb spilled liquid and cover contaminated areas with a 1:3 mixture of sodium carbonate crystals and damp sawdust, lime, sand or earth. Sweep up and place it in an impervious container. Ensure that the container is tightly closed and labelled before transfer to a safe place for disposal. *(IPCS, 1992)*

Large amounts should be incinerated at high temperature in a unit with effluent gas scrubbing or should be adsorbed on vermiculite and disposed of in an approved landfill, if incineration is impossible. *(IPCS, 1992)*

See *FAO Guidelines on Prevention of Accumulation of Obsolete Pesticide Stocks* and *The Pesticide Storage and Stock Control Manual*. (FAO,1996)

It must be considered that the methods recommended in literature often are not suitable in a specific country. High temperature incinerators or secure landfills may not be available.

Exposure Limits

| | Type of limit | Value |
|-------------|--|----------------|
| Food | MRL's (Maximum residue limits in mg/kg) in specified products <i>(FAO/WHO, 1996)</i> | 0.01 - 0.2 |
| | JMPR_ADI (acceptable daily intake) in mg/kg diet <i>(JMPR, 1995)</i> | 0.003 |
| Workplace | USA (ACGIH) TLV-TWA (Threshold limit Value, Time-weighted average in mg/m ³) | 0.2 |
| Environment | Japanese environmental water quality standard 1981 | not detectable |

First Aid

Early symptoms of poisoning may include excessive sweating, headache, weakness, giddiness, nausea, vomiting, hypersalivation, stomach pains, blurred vision and slurred speech. If these symptoms occur, the person should remove contaminated clothes and wash the affected skin with soap and water, and flush with large quantities of water. If in the event of collapse artificial resuscitation is used, vomit may contain toxic amounts of the substance. In case of ingestion, the stomach should be emptied as soon as possible by careful gastric lavage. Do not induce vomiting if the formulation contained hydrocarbon solvents.

Persons who have been poisoned (accidentally or otherwise) must be transported immediately to a hospital and put under surveillance of properly trained medical staff.

Antidotes are atropine sulfate and pralidoxime chloride.

General surveillance and cardiac monitoring must be maintained for at least 14 days. *(IPCS, 1986)*

Annexes

- Annex 1 Further Information on the Substance
- Annex 2 Details on Reported Control Actions
- Annex 3 List of Designated National Authorities
- Annex 4 References

Annex 1 - Further Information on the Substance

1 Chemical and Physical Properties

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| 1.1 | Identity | The pure active ingredient is a white crystalline odourless material; the technical grade material (approx 80% purity) is a yellowish - brown liquid with characteristic odour |
| 1.2 | Formula | C ₈ H ₁₀ NO ₅ PS |
| | Chemical Name | O,O-dimethyl O-(4-nitrophenyl) phosphorothioate (CAS.) O,O-dimethyl O-4-nitrophenylphosphorothioate (IUPAC) |
| | Chemical Type | Organophosphate |
| 1.3 | Solubility | Solubility in water 55 - 60 mg/l (20°C); soluble in most organic solvents, slightly soluble in petroleum and mineral oils |
| | logP_{ow} | 3 - 3.43 |
| 1.4 | Vapour Pressure | Vapour pressure 0.41 mPa (25 °C) |
| 1.5 | Melting Point | 35 -36 °C |
| 1.6 | Reactivity | Rapidly hydrolysed in alkaline conditions further information in <i>Worthing, 1994</i> and <i>IPCS, 1993</i> |

2 Toxicity

2.1 General

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| 2.1.1 | Mode of action | Contact and stomach insecticide, inhibiting cholinesterase activity (<i>Worthing, 1994</i>) |
| 2.1.2 | Uptake | Methyl parathion is readily absorbed via all routes of exposure (oral, dermal, inhalation) and is rapidly distributed to the tissues of the body. (<i>IPCS, 1993</i>) |
| 2.1.3 | Metabolism | Conversion of methyl parathion to methyl paraoxon, the active inhibitor of the acetylcholinesterase, occurs within minutes of administration. Both substances are mainly detoxified in the liver. (<i>IPCS, 1993</i>) |

2.2 Known Effects on Human Health

2.2.1 Acute Toxicity

Symptoms of poisoning The organophosphate insecticides are cholinesterase-inhibitors. They are highly toxic by all routes of exposure. When inhaled, the first effects are usually respiratory and may include bloody or runny nose, coughing, chest discomfort, difficult or short breath and wheezing due to constriction or excess fluid in the bronchial tubes. Skin contact with organophosphates may cause localized sweating and involuntary muscle contractions. Eye contact will cause pain, bleeding, tears, pupil constriction and blurred vision. Following exposure by any route, other systemic effects may begin within a few minutes

or be delayed for up to 12 hours. These may include pallor, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal cramps, headache, dizziness, eye pain, blurred vision, constriction or dilation of the pupils, tears, salivation, sweating and confusion. Severe poisoning will affect the central nervous system, producing incoordination, slurred speech, loss of reflexes, weakness, fatigue, involuntary muscle contractions, twitching, tremors of the tongue or eyelids, and eventually paralysis of the body extremities and the respiratory muscles. In severe cases there may also be involuntary defecation or urination, psychosis, irregular heart beat, unconsciousness, convulsions and coma. Respiratory failure or cardiac arrest may cause death.

(IPCS, 1993, Occupational Health Services, 1991)

- 2.2.2 **Short and long term exposure** Doses of 28 or 30 mg methyl parathion a day (study conducted with 5 volunteers) caused a significant decrease in the cholinesterase activity in three subjects. *(IPCS, 1993)*
- Some organophosphates may cause delayed symptoms beginning 1 to 4 weeks after an acute exposure that may or may not have produced immediate symptoms. In such cases, numbness, tingling, weakness and cramping may appear in the lower limbs and progress to incoordination and paralysis. Improvement may occur over months or years, but some residual impairment will remain.*
- No cases of organophosphorous-induced, delayed peripheral neuropathy induced by methyl parathion have been reported *(IPCS, 1993)*.
- 2.2.3 **Epidemiological studies** There are no epidemiological studies on effects related only to methyl parathion exposure

2.3 Toxicity studies with laboratory animals and *in vitro* systems

- 2.3.1 **Acute Toxicity**
- oral LD₅₀ (a.i.; mg/kg b.w.): 3-400 in different test species. *(IPCS, 1993)*
- dermal LD₅₀ (a.i.; mg/kg b.w.): 40-300 in different test species. *(IPCS, 1993)*
- inhalation LC₅₀ (a.i.; mg/m³ air- exposure 1 - 4 hrs) 34-320 (rats and mice) *(IPCS, 1993)*
- irritation The irritation potential of methyl parathion was studied according to the guidelines of the OECD. It was concluded that methyl parathion had no primary irritation potential. *(IPCS, 1993)*
- 2.3.2 **Short-term exposure** Dietary, dermal and inhalatory studies with different test species show a dose dependent inhibition of plasma Cholinesterase. The NOEL Value was 01.1 mg/kg b.w./day in rats (oral) and 10 mg/kg b.w./ day in rabbits (dermal) *(IPCS, 1993)*.
- 2.3.3 **Long term exposure** Retinal and sciatic nerve damage at high dose levels (50 mg/kg diet) was observed in a rat study. *(IPCS, 1993)*
- 2.3.4 **Effects on reproduction** In a three generation study with rats fed dietary levels of 0, 0.5, or 1.5 mg/kg b.w./day, there was reduced weanling survival, reduced weanling weights and an increase in the number of stillbirths at the 1.5 mg/kg b.w.. Some of these effects also occurred at the 0.5 mg/kg b.w. dosage level. In rats and mice, a single injection of LD₅₀ rates during pregnancy caused suppression of foetal

growth and bone formation in the offspring that survived. These injections also caused high foetal mortality. The rats had been injected with 15 mg/kg b.w. on day 12 of pregnancy, and the mice were injected with 60 mg/kg b.w. on day 10. In another study, there were no adverse effects observed in the offspring of rats given oral doses of 4 or 6 mg/kg b.w. on day 9 or 15 of pregnancy.

No primary teratogenic or embryotoxic effects were noted.

(*IPCS, 1993; Hayes, 1990*)

- 2.3.5 **Mutagenicity** US EPA noted limited evidence of genotoxicity. The results of most of the *in vitro* genotoxicity studies on both bacterial and mammalian cells were positive. IARC concluded there is sufficient evidence of mutagenicity in some cellular systems. *In vivo* studies produced equivocal results. (11,18,21,22)
- 2.3.6 **Carcinogenicity** No evidence of carcinogenicity was found in rat or mouse studies. The available data provide no evidence of carcinogenicity to experimental animals and no evidence that methyl parathion is likely to present a carcinogenic risk to humans. (*IARC, 1983*)

3 Exposure

- 3.1 **Food** Residues are generally below Codex MRLs. Residues in leafy vegetables and some fruit (e.g. citrus) have been reported in monitoring data from several countries but these were generally less than 0.1 mg/kg.
- 3.2 **Occupational** Skin absorption, and to a lesser extent inhalation and ingestion, are important routes of exposure. Mixers, loaders, flaggers, applicators and field workers are particularly at risk. Dermal, ocular and inhalation exposure can occur during mixing, loading and application, cleaning and repair of equipment, and during early reentry in treated areas.
- In a US study, methyl parathion was among the first 25% of pesticides ranked on the most measures of occupational hazards and for which cases of poisoning were referred to Health Care Facilities.
- In a study conducted in the Philippines, it was demonstrated that in the course of a normal spraying operation farmers are exposed to contamination of their clothing and potential dermal absorption. (*IPCS, 1993; US-EPA, 1996; Forget, 1990*)
- 3.3 **Environment** Levels of methyl parathion vaporizing from treated cotton fields have been detected 12 hours (12.6 ng/litre) and 24 hours (0.2 ng/l) after spraying.
- 3.4 **Accidental Poisoning** The analysis of 375 pesticide poisonings in Bulgaria during 1965-68 showed that 82.5% of all cases were due to organophosphates. Six of the intoxications were attributed to methyl parathion.
- Sixteen cases (of a total of 118) of methyl parathion poisoning were reported in the lower Rio Grande Valley (Texas, USA) in 1968. Toxicity following dermal exposure was predominant. (*IPCS, 1993*)
- A combination of dermal, respiratory and possibly oral exposure led to the poisoning of a rural family. Nine days after symptoms appeared, one 26-year-old man died and a 17-year old was hospitalized and successfully treated with atropine. Methyl parathion was applied inside the home to kill cockroaches.

(Hayes, 1990)

In Parana State (Brazil), pesticide incidents compiled by the Toxicological Information Centre and Health Clinics noted 1,243 incidents involving methyl parathion between 1982 and 1991. (Dinham, 1993)

4 Effects on the Environment

4.1 Fate

- 4.1.1 **Persistence** Half-lives in soil are in the range of 1 - 18 days under laboratory conditions, degradation being mainly by microbial action and chemical hydrolysis. In aquatic ecosystems, methyl parathion is eliminated from the water phase with DT₅₀ values of 2 - 22 days via adsorption on organic substance and microbial degradation. Methyl parathion is rapidly metabolized by both plants and animals and it is not expected to persist. (Howard, 1989)
- 4.1.2 **Bioconcentration** Methyl parathion has no potential to bioconcentrate due to the low log K_{ow} and to its short environmental persistence.

4.2 Ecotoxicity

- 4.2.1 **Fish** Most fish species in both fresh and sea water have LC₅₀s of between 6 and 25 mg/l, with a few species substantially more or less sensitive to methyl parathion. (IPCS, 1993)
- 4.2.2 **Aquatic invertebrates** Methyl parathion is highly toxic for aquatic invertebrates with most LC₅₀s ranging from < 1 µg to about 40 µg/l. (IPCS, 1993)
- 4.2.3 **Birds** Methyl parathion was toxic to birds in laboratory studies, with acute oral LD₅₀s ranging between 3 and 8 mg/kg body weight. Dietary LC₅₀s ranged from 70 to 680 mg/kg diet.
- 4.2.4 **Bees** Methyl parathion is toxic to bees (LD₅₀: 0.17µg/bee) (IPCS, 1993)

Annex 3 - Details on reported control actions

COLOMBIA

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| Effective: | 1991 |
| Control Action: | The substance is severely restricted for use. Only use on tobacco and beans is allowed. |
| Uses still allowed: | The use is restricted to cultures of cotton and rice for technical. |
| Reasons: | Incorrect use of the substance on cultures of tobacco, beans and soya. |

CONGO, REPUBLIC OF THE

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| Effective: | 1993 |
| Control Action: | Use restricted. |
| Uses still allowed: | |
| Reasons: | |

INDONESIA

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| Effective: | |
| Control Action: | Prohibited for all uses. |
| Uses still allowed: | No. |
| Reasons: | Extremely toxic to human beings, mammalian and other animals. |

JAPAN

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| Effective: | 1955 |
| Control Action: | The substance is banned for use. |
| Uses still allowed: | No remaining uses are allowed. |
| Reasons: | In accordance with Judgement Criteria for Poisonous and Deleterious Substances(*), it was found by the Central Pharmaceutical Affairs Council that these chemicals are specified poisonous substances for their very strong toxicity. Those poisonous substances which have very strong toxicity and are commonly used, or thought to be commonly used, and are feared to be apt to cause harm are designated to be specified poisonous substances. (*).Judgement Criteria for Poisonous and Deleterious Substances (abstract). |

SRI LANKA

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| Effective: | 1984 |
| Control Action: | Banned for use as a pesticide. No remaining uses allowed. |
| Uses still allowed: | |
| Reasons: | Fatal and non-fatal poisoning of farmers. |

TANZANIA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Effective: | 1986 |
| Control Action: | Total ban. |
| Uses still allowed: | |
| Reasons: | Highly toxic chemicals. |

Annex 3 - List of Designated National Authorities

COLOMBIA

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| P Ministerio de Agricultura Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario (ICA), Calle 37 No. 8-43 Piso 4 y 5 <i>Bogotá Apartado aéreo 6984</i> | Phone 57 1 285 5520 Fax 57 1 285 4351 Telex e-mail |
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- C Industrial and consumer product chemicals
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Annex 4 - References

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