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**Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed
Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous
Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade
Chemical Review Committee
Fifth meeting**

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Item 4 (b) (iii) of the provisional agenda*

**Listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention:
review of notifications of final regulatory actions to ban
or severely restrict a chemical: methyl parathion**

Methyl parathion

Note by the Secretariat

Addendum

Supporting documentation provided by Uruguay

The Secretariat has the honour to provide, in the annex to the present note, documentation received from Uruguay to support its notification of final regulatory action on methyl parathion as a pesticide.

* UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.5/1.

Annex

Resolution of the Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries to ban the registration and application of methyl parathion-based phytosanitary products, except microcapsules and anticides (Montevideo, 30 January 2002).

MGAP Resolution 30 January 2002

BANNING OF REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION OF METHYL PARATHION BASED PHYTOSANITARY PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MICROCAPSULES AND ANTICIDES.

Resolution S/n
Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries

Montevideo 30 January 2002

SEEN: The re-evaluation conducted on methyl parathion based organophosphate insecticides;

CONSIDERING:

- I) The high toxicity to humans of methyl parathion based products and, particularly, the high risk for the applicators;
- II) That their toxicity implies, as well, high risk to beneficial insects and extreme toxicity for birds;
- III) That, despite their high toxicity the risk can be significantly reduced by the use of microcapsules formulations dissolved in water;
- IV) That their short half life, rapid microbial degradation and limited ability of bio concentration give them some advantages under an environmental point of view;
- V) That for some of the allowed uses of methyl parathion, there are no alternative products that meet the conditions of lower toxicity and equivalence, as to the effectiveness of the product, and therefore it is worth maintaining the authorization of formulations in microcapsules for specific uses;
- VI) That all formulations based on this active ingredient, except the micro capsulated ones, are listed in the Prior Informed Consent Procedure of FAO/PNUMA;

COMPLYING WITH: the provisions of Articles 24 of Decree 149/977 15 March 1977, Article I of Decree 367/968 of 6 June 1968 and what suggested by the Technical Departments of the General Direction of Agricultural Services, the Department of Toxicology-CIAT, the Department of Environmental Health of the Ministry of Public Health, and what reported by the Division of Legal Services

**THE MINISTRY OF LIVESTOCK, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES
RESOLVES:**

- I) The registration and application of methyl parathion based phytosanitary products for all agricultural use are banned.
- II) Exception is made from what provided in I) to the phytosanitary products formulated as microcapsules dissolved in water that, moreover, meet the following conditions:
 - a) Use: only in fruit trees,
 - b) Waiting time: 35 days,
 - c) Application: only on land,
 - d) Active ingredient concentration: maximum 45 % (p/v).
- III) Exception is made from what provided in I) to the anticides powder formulations with active ingredient equal or less to 2%.
- IV) To charge the Agricultural Services General Direction with the enforcement of the provisions of this resolution.

- V) The present resolution will enter into force once published in the Official Gazette.
- VI) To inform, etc.

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