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

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Item 4 (b) (v) 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: paraquat**

Paraquat

Note by the Secretariat

Addendum

Supporting documentation provided by Sri Lanka

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

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

Annex

-----Original Message-----

From: Gamini Manuweera [mailto:gaminimanu@gmail.com]

Sent: 24 November 2008 11:50

To: Tagliati, Elisabetta (AGPP)

Subject: FW: Emailing: highlighted FRA -Sri Lanka_paraquat.pdf, paraquat-requestsupp-srilanka.doc

Dear Ms. Elisabetta Tagliati

I just assumed the duties back in office this morning and am trying to meet the timeline of your response. Unfortunately my office e-mail system is not working and using my private e-mail.

1) The submission of advisory committee minutes require permission from the committee because, it is not supposed to be published, (or share outside the members, unless it is for judicial purposes) as it contains number of other decisions and issues not related to this subject some of which may be "sensitive trade information". Alternatively would it be acceptable if I send you a certified excerpt of the item related to this decision?

2) Responses to the clarifications:

a) With the prohibition of 200 g/l formulation and quantity restriction of its replacement , i.e. 6.5% formulation, there is significant reduction of in use of the a.i. (not the formulation) in the country.

b) the 200 g/l formulation is no longer imported and distributed in the country (except for those left overs in the retail outlets). Continued use of the replacement (6.5% formulation) after the three year period will be reviewed in one year, with respect to its lethality based on ongoing studies

c) the chemical is not manufactured and exported.

d) the chemical is being imported as it is not banned (the decision at this initial stage is under "severe restriction")

I will send the supporting documents tomorrow

Regards

Gamini
