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**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

Letter from Sweden regarding its supporting documentation for paraquat

The Secretariat has the honour to provide, in the annex to the present note, a copy of a letter received from Sweden, dated 9 March 2010, regarding the additional supporting documentation, circulated in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.6/9/Add.3, to support its notification of final regulatory action for paraquat as a pesticide. The letter is reproduced as received without formal editing.

* UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.6/1.

Annex

Copy of a letter received from Sweden dated 9 March 2010

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To the attention of the CRC of the Rotterdam Convention,

In January 2010 Sweden submitted some additional information in support of the Swedish notification of Paraquat as a candidate chemical for the PIC procedure. The additional information consisted of three documents:

1. *Extract from an application for re-registration of paraquat in Sweden*
2. *Paraquat sold on the Swedish market 1976–1983*
3. *Products control board decision on the application for registration of the product Gramoxone 80 – a herbicide containing the active ingredient paraquat*

Sweden would like to give some further information about these documents:

1. Every application for registration of a plant protection product is kept in the archives of the Swedish Chemicals Agency. Older files are stored in paper format in the Swedish National Archives in Stockholm. The extract from the application for registration of paraquat was retrieved by the Swedish Chemicals Agency and the relevant information translated into English, due to the additional information about the intended use of the product.
2. Companies having a permission to put plant protecting products on the Swedish market have to report sold volumes of the pesticide every year to the Swedish Chemicals Agency. The submitted files from the years 1976-1983 are kept in hard-copy in the archive of the Swedish Chemicals Agency and the submitted excel graph is a compilation of the reported quantities for paraquat. The information was not considered confidential any more due to the time elapsed since paraquat was authorised on the Swedish market.
3. The letter from the “products control board” was also retrieved from the Swedish national Archives and translated into English. This kind of background document is always produced before a decision of this kind is made. The applicant has the right to get information about on what grounds the decision was made and this information is communicated to the applicant.

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