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Report of the Bureau on the preliminary review of notifications and the proposal for a severely hazardous pesticide formulation, and proposed priorities for chemicals scheduled for review by the Committee

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Note by the Secretariat

1. The process for drafting decision guidance documents set forth in decision RC-2/2 of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade includes the establishment of intersessional task groups for candidate chemicals and pesticide formulations scheduled for consideration by the Chemical Review Committee. To promote efficiency in its work, the Committee at its second meeting established a procedure for dealing with notifications of final regulatory action to ban or severely restrict chemicals. The procedure has been posted on the Convention website (www.pic.int) and will be available to the Committee at its seventh meeting in a compilation of policy guidance and working procedures (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.7/INF/4).
2. In accordance with that procedure the Bureau, with the Secretariat's assistance, undertook a preliminary review of the notifications of final regulatory action and supporting documentation submitted for the chemicals scheduled for review by the Committee at its seventh meeting. A similar approach was followed for the proposal for a severely hazardous pesticide formulation to be reviewed by the Committee at its seventh meeting. The annex to the present note contains the report of the Bureau on the results of that review. The report includes recommendations on priorities for the Committee's work, in particular the creation of intersessional task groups. It is presented as prepared and has not been formally edited by the Secretariat.
3. The Committee may wish to consider the notifications, proposal and supporting documentation before it in the light of the priorities suggested in the present note.

* UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.7/1.

Annex

Preliminary review of notifications of final regulatory action for chemicals and the proposal for a severely hazardous pesticide formulation scheduled for consideration by the Chemical Review Committee at its seventh meeting

The Bureau, with the Secretariat's assistance, has, in accordance with the information requirements of Annex I and the criteria set out in Annex II, undertaken a preliminary review of the notifications of final regulatory action and relevant supporting documentation for the seven chemicals scheduled for review by the seventh meeting of the Chemical Review Committee, as well as the proposal for a severely hazardous pesticide formulation together with the additional information collected in accordance with Annex IV.

a) Priority setting among candidate chemicals

The candidate chemicals have been classified into three groups based on whether the underlying notifications appear to meet the requirements of the Convention. The Committee is to review all of the notifications and supporting documentation.

GROUP 1: includes chemicals for which there are notifications from two or more PIC regions that appear to meet the requirements of the Convention.

There are 4 chemicals in Group 1: endosulfan, PFOS, its salts, and precursors, pentaBDE commercial mixtures, and octaBDE commercial mixtures.

GROUP 2: includes chemicals for which there are notifications from only one PIC region that appear to meet the requirements of the Convention.

There are 3 chemicals in Group 2: amitraz, carbaryl and pentachlorobenzene.

GROUP 3: includes chemicals for which there are no notifications that appear to meet the requirements of the Convention.

There are no chemicals in Group 3.

b) The candidate pesticide formulation

There is a single proposal received from one PIC region that appears to meet the requirements of the Convention: Gramoxone super.

The results of the preliminary review include the establishment of an intersessional task group for each candidate chemical and the pesticide formulation. The members and coordinators assigned for each intersessional task group can be found in Table 1 and 2.

The Bureau recommends that intersessional task groups be established as proposed to undertake an initial review and prepare an analysis as to whether and how the individual notifications and the proposal meet the criteria of the Convention. The task group coordinators will present the findings of the task groups to the Committee and lead the discussion on the individual chemicals and the pesticide formulation during the Committee's meeting. The Guidance to intersessional task groups is available to the Committee in the document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.7/13.

Table 1. Summary of the outcome of the preliminary review for notifications and intersessional task group membership

CHEMICAL NAME	NOTIFICATIONS	CRITERIA OF ANNEX II	<u>Coordinators</u> Task Group members
Group 1			
Endosulfan	New Zealand*	All criteria met	<u>Mirjam Seng</u> <u>Ignacio Cornejo</u> Jan Linders Goné Droh Lanciné Susan Jane Collier
	Benin	All criteria met	
PFOS, its salts and precursors	European Union	All criteria met	<u>Hala Al-Easa</u> <u>Jürgen Helbig</u> Hubert Binga Azhari Abdelbagi Shan Zhengjun
	Canada	All criteria met	
	Japan PFOS	Criterion (b) not met	
	Japan PFOS-F	Criterion (b) not met	
Penta BDE commercial mixtures	European Union	All criteria met	<u>Jacqueline Arroyo</u> <u>Azhari Abdelbagi</u> Marit Randall Masayuki Ikeda Vilma Quillama
	Canada	All criteria met	
	Norway	All criteria met	
	Japan TetraBDE	Criterion (b) not met	
	Japan PentaBDE	Criterion (b) not met	
Octa BDE commercial mixtures	European Union	All criteria met	<u>Idris Goji</u> <u>Jan Linders</u> Noluzuko Gwayi Muhammed Bashir Khan Ould Aloueimine
	Canada	All criteria met	
	Norway	All criteria met	
	Japan Hepta BDE	Criterion (b) not met	
	Japan Hexa BDE	Criterion (b) not met	
Group 2			
Amitraz	European Union	All criteria met**	<u>Peter Opiyo</u> <u>Hang Tang</u> Hesameddin Nasirzadeh Anahit Aleksandryan
	Syrian	Criterion (b) not met	
Carbaryl	European Union	All criteria met***	<u>Hang Tang</u> <u>Jacqueline Arroyo</u> Manoranjan Hota Leonor Becerril
	Syrian	Criterion (b) not met	
Pentachlorobenzene	Canada	All criteria met	<u>Mirjam Seng</u> <u>Magdalena Balicka</u> Shoki Al Dobai Darina Liptakova
	Japan	Criterion (b) not met	
Group 3			
non			

* Notification reviewed by CRC6. No additional information available since then. CRC6 agreed to defer its consideration of the notification to CRC7.

** Notification reviewed and rationale adopted by CRC6.

*** Notification reviewed and rationale adopted by CRC4

Table 2. Summary of the outcome of the preliminary review for proposal and intersessional task group membership

PESTICIDE FORMULATION NAME	PROPOSAL	CRITERIA OF ANNEX IV	<u>Coordinators</u> Task Group
Gramoxone super	Burkina Faso	All criteria met	<u>Anja Bartels</u> <u>Hala Al-Easa</u> Jeevani Marasinghe Michael Ramsay Mansourou Moudachirou Marit Randall