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PROCEDURE - SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Information provided on trade

Note from the Secretariat

1. Annexed to this note is the documentation provided by CropLife International and Pesticide Action Network-UK (PAN-UK) on production, use and trade of dimefox, endrin, endosulfan, mevinphos and vinclozolin.

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Gentlemen;

Subject: On-going Trade for Dimefox, Endosulfan, Endrin, Mevinphos, and Vinclozolin

We received the letter from the interim PIC secretariat on September 17, 2003, which informed CropLife International that the interim secretariat had received and confirmed the completeness (verified) of two or three notifications of final regulatory action for the subject chemicals. The interim secretariat requested CropLife International to provide a response as to whether these chemicals were manufactured and traded.

CropLife International is pleased to provide a response to the interim secretariat for the subject chemicals. We can confirm that there is on-going international trade and therefore, manufacture of endosulfan, mevinphos, and vinclozolin. We were unable to confirm the status of endrin and dimefox.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Morelli".

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Devorshak, Christina (AGPP)

Subject: FW: Trade in endosulfan, endrin, dimefox, mevinphos, vinclozolin

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

From: Barbara Dinham [mailto:barbaradinham@pan-uk.org]

Sent: 15 January 2004 18:52

To: Wyrwal, Gerold (AGPP); slogan@chemicals.unep.ch

Subject: Trade in endosulfan, endrin, dimefox, mevinphos, vinclozolin

Dear Gerold and Sheila,

The ICRC requested information on ongoing trade and use of the five pesticides under consideration for inclusion in the PIC procedure: endosulfan, dimefox, endrin, mevinphos, vinclozolin, and we can provide the following information:

Dimefox: Listed as obsolete by both the WHO and the British Crop Protection Council's Pesticide Manual. We have no information on recent trade, though a search on google found the website AgriSeek which buys and sells pesticides and appeared to be looking to buy and sell dimefox.
<http://www.agriseek.com/buying/e/Agrochemicals/Insecticides/Organophosphorus/Organophosphate/Phospho>

Endosulfan: this pesticide is very widely used and there should be little difficulty identifying ongoing trade. We have published recent information on poisonings in West Africa as a result of exposure to endosulfan, and it remains the recommended pesticide for cotton pests in the region. Use is widespread in other regions, and is still registered and on sale in the UK.

Endrin: As far as we are aware there has been no production for almost 15 years, and there has been no recent trade, but there may be remaining stockpiles.

Mevinphos: no longer sold in the US after 1995. As recently as December 1999, correspondence between the manufacturers Amvac Chemical Corporation and the USEPA suggests that trade continued, and that the product was exported to a number of countries, including Mexico (http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/op/mevinphos/amvac_comments.pdf). Evidence of such recent production suggests that trade is inevitable.

Vinclozolin: is still registered and on sale in the UK.

We hope this is useful,

Sincerely,

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