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Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous
Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade
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**Listing of chemicals in Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention:
review of notifications of final regulatory actions to ban
or severely restrict a chemical: mirex**

Mirex: supporting documentation provided by Switzerland

Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to provide, in the annex to the present note, documentation received from Switzerland in support of its notification of final regulatory action on mirex.

* UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.3/1.

Annex

- **Comments prepared for the new Swiss chemicals legislation**

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Extract taken from the comments on the:

*Ordinance on the risk reduction related to the use of certain particularly dangerous substances, preparations and articles
(Ordinance on the risk reduction related to chemical products (ORRChem)) of 18 May 2005*

Annex 1.1: Halogenated organic compounds

Total ban on Mirex (new, Para. 3 Lett. b)

Production, placing on the market and import in a private capacity of **Mirex**, a representative of the alicyclic multiple ring systems, is prohibited. Mirex is a persistent organic pollutant that is regulated both in the Stockholm POPs Convention and in the UN ECE POPs Protocol. According to these Conventions, the production and use of Mirex is to be banned by the Party. Switzerland has signed the Stockholm Convention and Parliament has passed the message for ratification this year. This new ban has no practical consequences, since Mirex is neither registered as a plant protection product in Switzerland nor in any other product.