



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

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**Chemical Review Committee**

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**Technical work: report of the Bureau  
on the preliminary review of notifications**

**Report of the Bureau on the preliminary review of notifications  
of final regulatory actions**

**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 actions to ban or severely restrict chemicals. The procedure has been posted on the Convention website ([www.pic.int](http://www.pic.int)) and will be available to the Committee at its eighth meeting in a compilation of policy guidance and working procedures (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.8/INF/5).
2. In accordance with that procedure the Bureau, with the Secretariat's assistance, undertook a preliminary review of the notifications of final regulatory actions and supporting documentation submitted for the chemicals scheduled for review by the Committee at its eighth 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 and supporting documentation before it in the light of the priorities suggested in the present note.

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\* UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.8/1.

## Annex

### **Preliminary review of notifications of final regulatory action for chemicals scheduled for consideration by the Chemical Review Committee at its eighth 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 two chemicals scheduled for review by the eighth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee.

#### **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 is one chemical in Group 1: trichlorfon.

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

There is one chemical in Group 2: dicofol

**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.

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

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 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 during the Committee's meeting. The Guidance to intersessional task groups is available to the Committee in the document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.8/INF/5.

Table 1. Summary of the Outcome of the Preliminary Review for Notifications

CHEMICAL NAME	NOTIFICATIONS	CRITERIA OF ANNEX II	Coordinators Task Group
<b>Group 1</b>			
Trichlorfon	Brazil	All criteria met	<b>Mirijam Seng</b> <b>Azhari Abdelbagi</b> Hala Sultan Saif Al-Easa Gilberto Fillmann Jürgen Helbig Michael Ramsay
	European Union	All criteria met	
<b>Group 2</b>			
Dicofol	European Union	All criteria met	<b>Peter Opiyo</b> <b>Susan Collier</b> Jacqueline Arroyo Manoranjan Hota Sarah Maillefer Hang Tang
	Japan	Criterion (b) not met	