



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

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**Technical work: review of the draft
guidelines to assist parties in preparing
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Note by the Secretariat

1. At its fifth meeting, in June 2011, the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade adopted decision RC-5/2 on increasing the number of notifications of final regulatory actions and communication between parties, by which it requested the Secretariat to prepare guidelines to assist parties in preparing notifications of final regulatory actions to ban or severely restrict pesticides and industrial chemicals, giving particular regard to the explanation of terms and definitions used in the Convention, notably the term “severely restricted chemicals”.
2. In response to that request, the Secretariat has prepared draft guidelines, which are set out in the annex to the present note without formal editing. The Chemical Review Committee may wish to review the draft guidelines and provide feedback to the Secretariat.

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Annex