



ROTTERDAM CONVENTION

SECRETARIAT FOR THE ROTTERDAM CONVENTION
ON THE PRIOR INFORMED CONSENT PROCEDURE
FOR CERTAIN HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS AND PESTICIDES
IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE



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Re: Dispatch of Decision Guidance Documents and request for submission of import responses on azinphos methyl; commercial pentabromodiphenyl ether; commercial octabromodiphenyl ether; and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, perfluorooctane sulfonates, perfluorooctane sulfonamides and perfluorooctane sulfonyls

Dear Designated National Authority,

At its sixth meeting, by decisions RC-6/4, RC-6/5, RC-6/6 and RC-6/7, the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade agreed to list the following chemicals in Annex III of the Convention and accordingly subject them to the Prior Informed Consent procedure:

- **Azinphos methyl;**
- **Commercial pentabromodiphenyl ether;**
- **Commercial octabromodiphenyl ether and;**
- **Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, perfluorooctane sulfonates, perfluorooctane sulfonamides and perfluorooctane sulfonyls.**

A copy of the full text of decisions RC-6/4, RC-6/5, RC-6/6 and RC-6/7, is enclosed with this letter (enclosure 2).

Article 10, paragraph 2, of the Rotterdam Convention requires that each Party shall transmit to the Secretariat, as soon as possible, and in any event no later than nine months after the date of dispatch of the Decision Guidance Document (DGD) for a chemical, a response concerning the future import of the chemical concerned. The Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention is herewith distributing the DGDs for the above listed chemicals (enclosure 1), to all Designated National Authorities with the request that you submit to the Secretariat your Government's decision concerning the future import of these chemicals by **10 May 2014**.

The import response of your country may be transmitted using the enclosed "import response form" (enclosure 3). The original of the completed form, signed, dated and affixed with the official seal of the replying authority, should be sent to the Secretariat, with a copy retained for your records. Further copies of the import response form and instructions, as well as the DGDs may be found in English, French and Spanish on the Rotterdam Convention web site <http://www.pic.int>.

To: Rotterdam Convention Designated National Authorities
cc: Rotterdam Convention Official Contact Points

Article 10, paragraph 3, requires that the Secretariat, at the expiration of the time period indicated in paragraph 2, to address to a Party that has not provided such a response, a written request to do so. The Secretariat will fulfil this obligation by listing in Appendix IV of PIC Circular XL (scheduled to be dispatched on 12 December 2014) those Parties that have failed to transmit an import response for these chemicals.

If your country has nominated more than one Designated National Authority, you are kindly requested to submit a consolidated response regarding the future import of these chemicals.

Thank you for your continued support of the Rotterdam Convention. We look forward to hearing from you in due course. Please contact the Secretariat at the addresses provided in the letterhead if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosures:

- Enclosure 1: Decision Guidance Documents (DGDs) for the above listed chemicals
- Enclosure 2: Decisions RC 6/4, RC-6/5, RC-6/6, RC-6/7
- Enclosure 3: Import response form and instructions
- Enclosure 4: Additional information on submissions of import responses for industrial chemicals

Enclosure 4

Additional information on submission of import responses of industrial chemicals:

- Only one import response is to be submitted for entries to Annex III consisting of multiple chemicals, e.g. perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, perfluorooctane sulfonates, perfluorooctane sulfonamides and perfluorooctane sulfonyls. In the chemical name section of the import response form, all of these chemicals can be written as a single entry.
- The information regarding the chemical identity, including relevant CAS numbers is set out in the enclosed decisions (enclosure 1) and can be used in completing section 1 on “Identity of Chemical” of the import response form.
- For any additional guidance regarding import responses please consult the enclosed “Instructions for Submission of an Import Response” (enclosure 3).