



# ROTTERDAM CONVENTION

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**Subject: Information requests in follow-up to the decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention at its sixth meeting**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that at its sixth meeting held in Geneva, Switzerland from 28 April to 10 May 2013, the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention agreed on the decisions contained in annex I to the meeting report, set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.6/20. The report is available on the Rotterdam Convention website: [www.pic.int](http://www.pic.int). Some of the decisions include invitations to parties and others to provide information.

This letter is to solicit information sought in the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention at its sixth meeting. To facilitate your response, attached are the individual requests organized according to the decision references. Information regarding each decision can be submitted separately, particularly since the deadlines for submission vary.

The letters and requests contained therein are made available in the section "[Call for information and follow-up to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties](#)" of the Convention's website. Relevant forms for the purpose of communicating information to the Secretariat will also be made available on the Convention's website at the link provided.

Similar letters have also been prepared to solicit information sought in all of the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention at its eleventh meeting and by the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention at its sixth meeting. These letters are available in the "Call for Information" sections on the respective conventions' websites.

In addition to requests for submitting information, the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention has reminded parties to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention, including the procedures under Articles 5, 6, 10 and 12 of the Convention, and, in particular:

- To exchange information in accordance with the provisions of the Convention, by submitting notifications of final regulatory action for banned or severely restricted chemicals;
- If they have not yet done so, to submit import responses for alachlor, aldicarb and endosulfan, or to request the Secretariat for assistance if deemed necessary.
- Exporting and importing parties to fully implement Article 12 of the Convention by sending export notifications and by acknowledging their receipt.

Should you have any queries, please contact Ms. Andrea Lechner (Warmuth), Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (E-mail: [andrea.lechner@brsmeas.org](mailto:andrea.lechner@brsmeas.org); Tel: +41 22 917 88 53, Fax: +41 22 917 8098).

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Yours sincerely,



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**Enc.:** Follow-up to the decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention at its sixth meeting

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

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**Follow-up to the decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties to the  
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## **(1) Request for information related to technical assistance**

Decision: RC-6/11: Technical assistance

Background:

At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted decision RC-6/11 on technical assistance in which it invited parties and others to provide information to the Secretariat on needs and availability of technical assistance and capacity-building, as well as difficulties and other observations in that regard.

Requests:

- Developing-country parties and parties with economies in transition are invited to continue to inform the Secretariat of their needs in terms of technical assistance and capacity-building, difficulties in implementing the Rotterdam Convention and any other observations in that regard; (request a)
- Developed-country parties and others with the capacity to do so are invited to continue to provide information to the Secretariat on available technical assistance and capacity building that they could provide to developing country parties and parties with economies in transition. (request b)

Respondents:

- Parties;
- Others.

Method of submission:

- Online questionnaires will be made available on the Rotterdam Convention website to enable responses to these requests.

Deadline for submissions:

- For requests a and b: please submit information by **31 May 2014** in order for it to be included in the report to be prepared by the Secretariat on this issue for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Contact point:

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Tel: +41 22 917 82 03; Fax: +41 22 917 80 98).

## **(2) Request on official contact points and designated national authorities**

Decision: RC-6/13: Official communications

Background:

In accordance with Article 4 of the Convention, each Party shall designate one or more national authorities that shall be authorized to act on its behalf in the performance of the administrative functions required by the Rotterdam Convention.

Each Party shall also designate official contact points with whom the Secretariat communicates on such official issues as notices regarding participation in meetings of the Conference of the Parties, circulation of the reports of such meetings, proposals for the addition of chemicals to Annex III of the Convention and the nominations of experts to such subsidiary bodies as the Chemical Review Committee.

Request:

- Parties are urged to designate official contact points and designated national authorities, if they have not already done so, using the revised form, as well as to confirm and provide the Secretariat with updated contact details for existing official contact points and designated national authorities.

Respondents:

- Parties.

Method of submission:

- Please submit any designations or updates to the Secretariat using the revised form available on the Rotterdam Convention website at:  
<http://www.pic.int/Procedures/OfficialContactPoints/tabid/3285/language/en-US/Default.aspx> and  
<http://www.pic.int/Procedures/DesignatedNationalAuthorities/tabid/1366/language/en-US/Default.aspx>.

Deadline for submissions:

- None specified in the decision; please transmit designations and / or updated contact details **as soon as possible** so as to ensure effective transmission of information on matters relating to the Convention.

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