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Subject: PIC procedure - determination of ongoing trade in candidate chemicals

Dear Sir/Dear Madam,

The twentieth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee is scheduled to take place in Rome from 17 to 20 September 2024 with pre-meetings on 16th September 2024. The Secretariat, in line with Article 5 of the Convention has received notifications of final regulatory action that will be forwarded for consideration by the Committee for the following 12 candidate chemicals in both pesticides and industrial chemicals category:

Candidate chemical	CAS No.	Category	PIC Region	Notifying Party	Published in PIC Circular
Benzidine and its salts	92-87-5	Industrial	Europe	Türkiye	Circular LIII
Chlorpyrifos-methyl	5598-13-0	Pesticide	Europe	European Union	Circular LVII
		Pesticide	Latin America and the Caribbean	Chile	Circular LVIII
Cyhexatin	13121-70-5	Pesticide	Europe	Türkiye	Circular LIII
Dichlorvos	62-73-7	Pesticide	Africa	Malawi	Circular LVI
		Pesticide	Europe	European Union	Circular XXXIV
		Pesticide	Europe	Serbia	Circular LII
Dicofol	115-32-2	Pesticide	Europe	Türkiye	Circular LVII
		Pesticide	Latin America and the Caribbean	Chile	Circular LVII
		Pesticide	Latin America and the Caribbean	Peru	Circular LIII
Hexachlorobenzene	118-74-1	Industrial	Southwest Pacific	Australia	Circular LVIII
Pentachlorobenzene	118-74-1	Industrial	Southwest Pacific	Australia	Circular LVIII
Phenthoate	2597-03-7	Pesticide	Asia	Malaysia	Circular XLIV
		Pesticide	Europe	Türkiye	Circular LVII
Profenofos	41198-08-7	Pesticide	Asia	Malaysia	Circular XLIV
		Pesticide	Europe	Türkiye	Circular LVII
Prothiofos	34643-46-4	Pesticide	Asia	Malaysia	Circular XLIV
		Pesticide	Europe	Türkiye	Circular LVII
Quinalphos	13593-03-8	Pesticide	Asia	Malaysia	Circular XLIV
		Pesticide	Europe	Türkiye	Circular LVII
Zineb	12122-67-7	Pesticide	Europe	Türkiye	Circular LIII
		Pesticide	Latin America and the Caribbean	Ecuador	Circular XX

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These chemicals are therefore tentatively scheduled for review at the twentieth session of the Chemical Review Committee (CRC), to be held from **17 - 20 September 2024**. Copies of the full notifications with its supporting documents will be made available on the Rotterdam Convention website [CRC20 Overview \(pic.int\)](https://www.pic.int) as meeting documents. The preliminary review of those notifications by the Bureau and the intersessional task groups will take place **between May and August 2024**.

According to the criteria for listing banned or severely restricted chemicals in Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention, Annex II, paragraph (c)(iv), indicates that the Chemical Review Committee should consider whether there is evidence of ongoing international trade in the chemicals it reviews.

The process for collecting information on ongoing international trade was adopted by the Chemical Review Committee at its first session. In line with this process, we kindly request you to provide a response as to whether these chemicals are manufactured and traded.

It would be appreciated if you could provide a **written response to the Secretariat by 20th June 2024 to: Aleksandar Mihajlovski, email: Aleksandar.Mihajlovski@fao.org and Kei Ohno Woodall, email: Kei.Ohno@un.org.**

Your support and interest in the operation of the PIC procedure is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

For

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