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Informed Consent Procedure for  
Certain Hazardous Chemicals and  
Pesticides in International Trade**

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**Matters related to the implementation of the Convention:  
listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention:  
consideration of chemicals for inclusion in Annex III**

**Compilation of comments received from Parties relating to the  
recommendation by the Chemical Review Committee to listing  
of chemicals and severely hazardous pesticide formulations in  
Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention****Note by the Secretariat**

As referred to in the note by the Secretariat on Chemical Review Committee: developments for action by the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/7), the annex to the present note sets out a compilation of comments received from Parties relating to the listing of chemicals and severely hazardous pesticide formulations in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention recommended by the Chemical Review Committee. The comments were submitted by the European Union, Jordan, Paraguay, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Syrian Arab Republic and Vietnam. The present note, including its annex, has not been formally edited.

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## Annex

### European Union

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**Subject:** Proposals to amend Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention to be considered at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Dear Ms Lechner,

Thank you very much for your letter of 10 October 2016 in which you communicate the proposals to amend Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention to be considered at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The European Union very much appreciates having the opportunity to comment on those proposals.

In our opinion, the notified regulatory actions concerning carbofuran, carbosulfan, short-chain chlorinated paraffins and tributyltin compounds fully meet the criteria of Annex II and all procedures have been complied with.

In addition to the four chemicals already mentioned we anticipate that the Conference of the Parties will continue the discussion on the listing of chrysotile asbestos, trichlorfon, fenthion (ultra low volume (ULV) formulations at or above 640 g active ingredient/L) and paraquat (liquid formulations (emulsifiable concentrate and soluble concentrate) containing paraquat dichloride at or above 276 g/L, corresponding to paraquat ion at or above 200 g/L). We would like to reiterate that the European Union fully supports the recommendations of the Chemical Review Committee to list these four chemicals in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention. It is clear that all relevant criteria have been met and that all procedures have been complied with.

In view of the broad support from almost all Parties for the listing of chrysotile asbestos, trichlorfon, fenthion (ultra low volume (ULV) formulations at or above 640 g active ingredient/L) and liquid formulations containing paraquat dichloride we are confident that we will reach consensus on their listing at COP-8. Very few or even individual parties opposed the listing of those four chemicals at COP-7 and we hope that those Parties

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reconsider their position and give the objectives of the Convention higher priority than domestic political considerations.

As Parties we must concentrate on the global good: building capacity for informed decision-making on harmful chemicals, in particular in developing countries. All Parties have a responsibility to ensure that the Convention functions effectively and that its objectives are not undermined.

We are confident that all Parties understand and take full ownership for their responsibility and look forward to having an interesting and successful meeting.



Björn Hansen

## Jordan

بعد التحية

اشارة الى المراسلة الواردة من قبل اتفاقية روتردام بخصوص اقتراح تعديل المرفق الثالث من اتفاقية روتردام للنظر فيه بالاجتماع الثامن عشر لمؤتمر الاطراف

حيث سيتم ادراج المواد الفعالة (Carbosulfan , Carbofuran ) في المرفق الثالث .

ارجو التكرم بالعلم بان :

1- المادة الفعالة Carbofuran قد تم منع التداول بها في الاردن للسوق المحلي وقد تم منع تصنيعها لاغراض التصدير ايضاً بتاريخ 2002/1/14

2- المادة الفعالة Carbosulfan قد تم منع التداول بها في الاردن للسوق المحلي وقد تم منع تصنيعها لاغراض التصدير ايضاً بجلسة لجنة تسجيل المبيدات رقم 780 تاريخ 2016/7/24

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### (English translation)

Reference is made to the correspondence received from the Rotterdam Convention regarding the proposal to amend Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention for consideration by the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the parties which will include active substances (Carbosulfan, Carbofuran) in Annex III.

Please kindly note that:

1. The active substance Carbofuran has been banned for domestic market and also for manufacture for export purposes as of 14/1/2002.
2. The active substance Carbosulfan has been banned in Jordan for domestic market and also for manufacture for export purposes by the Pesticide Registration Commission number 780 as of 24/7/2016.

Best regards,

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روتردام اتفاقية سكرتاريا السادة

،،، وبعد طيبة تحية

المعينة الوطنية السلطة هي الصحة وزارة فإن تعلمون كما (DNA)

والمشروطة الممنوعة الكيميائية المواد قوائم بتحديث 14/11/2012 بتاريخ قامت وقد ، الصناعية الكيماوية المواد على للرقابة الأردن في لدينا مشروطة فإنها وبالتالي ،(1) رقم المرفق في الوارد التحديد ضمن لتلك القصدير مركبات إضافة تم فقد وعليه . الصناعية الكيميائية المواد فئة ضمن

(short-chained chlorinated paraffins) " السلسلة قصيرة الكلورة البارفينات " الكيميائية المادة لتسمية إجرائه المنوي التحريري للتغيير بالنسبة اما

(short-chain chlorinated paraffins) " السلسلة القصيرة الكلورة البارفينات الى

Short chain chlorinated paraffins." " المشروطة الصحة وزارة قوائم ضمن المعتمدة هي المركب لهذا المطلوبة التسمية أن العلم فأرجو ؛

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#### (English translation)

As you know that the Ministry of Health is the Designated National Authority (DNA) for the control of industrial chemicals

With regard to control of industrial chemicals, we have updated the list of prohibited and restricted chemicals on 14 Nov. 2012. Tin compounds were one of the chemicals added to the restricted chemicals list as part of the industrial chemical compounds category as set out in the attached Annex I.

With regard to the editorial change in naming of the chemical SCCP from (short-chained chlorinated paraffins) to (short-chain chlorinated paraffins"), I would like to note that the name given for this chemical in the updated list of restricted chemicals of the Ministry of Health mentioned above is "Short chain chlorinated paraffins." as set out in the attached Annex II

Accordingly, the Ministry of Health supports the proposed action.

Yours faithfully,

Environmental Health Directorate

(Annex I)

مرفوعة رقم (١)

| No  | اسم المادة                                                                                                                                                                                         | CAS No.    | مجال الاشتراط                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 44. | Trichlorobenzene/ Benzene, 1,2,4-trichloro-                                                                                                                                                        | 120-82-1   | <p>■ يمنع بيع أو طرح أو استخدام هذه المادة في حالتها الأولية أو جزء من خليط بتركيز يساوي أو يزيد عن ٠,١ ٪ من الوزن في السوق المحلي لأي استخدام، باستثناء الاستخدامات التالية:</p> <p>➢ مادة وسيطة في التصنيع.</p> <p>➢ مذيب لتفاعلات الكلورة في التطبيقات الصناعية المغلفة</p> <p>➢ في صناعة 4-5 - 2,3,1-triamino-dinitrobenzene-6</p>  |
| 45. | 2-(2-butoxyethoxy)ethanol (DEGBE); Diethylene Glycol Monobutyl Ether; Butoxydiglycol/Butyl diglycol                                                                                                | 112-34-5   | <p>■ يمنع بيع أو طرح أو استخدام هذه المادة في دهانات الرش والمنظفات على شكل ابراسولات (aerosol dispensers) لاستخدامها من قبل العامة إذا كانت بتركيز يساوي أو يزيد عن ٣ ٪ من الوزن.</p>                                                                                                                                                  |
| 46. | 2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethanol; (DEGME); diethylene glycol methyl ether; methyl diglycol ether.                                                                                                        | 111-77-3   | <p>■ يمنع بيع أو طرح أو استخدام هذه المادة في في الصناعات التالية إذا كانت بتركيز يساوي أو يزيد عن ٠,١ ٪ من الوزن لاستخدامها من قبل العامة:</p> <p>■ الدهانات</p> <p>■ مزيل الدهانات</p> <p>■ مواد التنظيف</p> <p>■ ملمعات الأرضيات</p> <p>■ مانع التسرب للارضيات</p> <p>Paint Stripper</p> <p>Self-shining emulsions</p>               |
| 47. | Di-μ-oxo-di-n-butylstanniohydroxyborane/Dibutyltin hydrogen borate C 8 H 19 BO 3 Sn (DBB)                                                                                                          | 75113-37-0 | <p>■ يمنع بيع أو طرح أو استخدام هذه المواد في حالتها الأولية أو جزء من خليط بتركيز يزيد عن ٠,١ ٪ من الوزن في السوق المحلي.</p> <p>■ يقتصر استخدامها في المختبرات ومراكز الأبحاث.</p>                                                                                                                                                    |
| 48. | Organostannic compounds<br>مركبات القصدير العضوية<br>Example:<br>- Tributyltin (TBT) compounds<br>- Triphenyltin (TPT) compounds<br>- Dibutyltin (DBT) compounds<br>- Diocetyl tin (DOT) compounds |            | <p>■ يمنع بيع أو طرح أو استخدام هذه المواد في حالتها الأولية أو جزء من خليط في السوق المحلي:</p> <p>➢ إذا تم استخدامها كمبيد حيوي (biocide) في دهان لأجزاء القفصية في المياه (antifouling)، مثل:</p> <p>■ القوارب الصغيرة.</p> <p>■ شبكات والقضبان صيد الأسماك.</p> <p>➢ في معالجة المياه العامة الصناعية بغض النظر عن استخداماتها.</p> |

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(Annex II)

مرفوعة رقم (٢)

| No  | اسم المادة                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | CAS No.     | مجال الاشتراط                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 36. | Potassium bromate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 7758-01-2   | <p>■ يقتصر استخدامها في المختبرات ومراكز الأبحاث.</p>                                                                                                                                                 |
| 37. | Alkanes C10-C13 Short chain chlorinated paraffin.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 85535-84-8  | <p>■ يمنع استخدام هذه المادة في حالتها الأولية أو جزء من خليط بتركيز يزيد عن (١ ٪) في المجالات التالية:</p> <p>➢ في الأعمال المعنوية.</p> <p>➢ سوائل إزالة الشحوم في الصناعات الجلدية.</p>            |
| 38. | Pentachlorophenol and its salts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 87-86-5     | <p>■ يمنع بيع أو طرح أو استخدام هذه المواد في حالتها الأولية أو جزء من خليط بتركيز يزيد عن ٠,١ ٪ من الوزن لاستخدامها من قبل العامة.</p> <p>■ يقتصر استخدامها في المختبرات ومراكز الأبحاث.</p>         |
| 39. | <p>Azocolourants and Azodyes:<br/>List of azodyes<br/>Component 1:<br/>C 39 H 23 ClCrN 7 O 12 S 2Na</p> <p>A mixture of: disodium (6-(4-nisidino)-3-sulfonato-2-(3,5-dinitro-2-Oxidophenylazo)-1- naphtholato ) (1-(5-hloro-2-oxidophenylazo)- 2-naphtholato)chromate(1-);</p> <p>Component 2:<br/>C46 H 30 CrN10 O 20 S 2 .3Na</p> <p>Trisodium bis(6-(4-anisidino)-3-sulfonato-2- (3,5-dinitro-2-oxidophenylazo)-1-naphtholato)chromate(1-)</p> | 118685-33-9 | <p>■ يمنع بيع أو طرح أو استخدام هذه المواد في حالتها الأولية أو جزء من خليط بتركيز يزيد عن ٠,١ ٪ من الوزن في السوق المحلي إذا كانت الغاية من استخدامها لصباغة الجلود والمنسوجات.</p> <p>غير متوفر</p> |

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## Paraguay

En referencia a la Comunicacion recibida de la Secretaria del Convenio de Rotterdam con relacion a la presentacion de las Partes de Comentarios sobre el texto de enmiendas propuestas al Anexo III del Convenio de Rotterdam y en base a las recomendaciones del Comité de Examen de Productos Químicos sobre la inclusion de productos quimicos en el anexo III, las cuales seran consideradas en la Octava Reunión de la Conferencia de las Partes a llevarse a cabo del 24 abril al 05 de mayo del 2017.

Al respecto, despues de haber analizado dichos documentos por la Direccion de Agroquímicos de ésta institucion, se informa que no hay objeciones a los mismos.

Ing. Agr. Fatima Alfonso.  
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### (English translation)

With reference to the communication received from the Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention concerning the submission of Parties' comments on the text of the proposed amendments to Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention and on the basis of the recommendations of the Chemical Review Committee, which will be considered at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to be held from 24 April to 5 May 2017.

In this regard, after reviewing these documents by the Directorate of Agrochemicals of this institution, it is reported that there are no objections to them.



## Saudi Arabia

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Dear Sir or Madam,

With reference to your letter dated October 10<sup>th</sup> 2016, communicating the proposed amendments to Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention, based on the recommendations by the Chemical Review Committee on listing of Chemicals in Annex III, to be considered at the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of the parties, that will take place from 24 April to 5 May 2017.

I would like to inform you that with regard to the proposed amendments to Annex III, the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture in Riyadh would prefer suitable alternatives if the above mentioned Annex has to be amended.

With my best regards.

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## Serbia

I would like to inform you that Republic of Serbia supports recommendation on the listing of industrial chemicals and pesticides mentioned in the letter with proposals in Annex III to the Convention.

Kind regards,

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## **Syrian Arab Republic**

Dear Sir

The pesticide: Carbosulfan Gas No : 55285-14-8 (insecticide) is forbidden to use in the Syrian Arab Republic in all its forms by the Minister of Agriculture No. 1960 / T Date 9/3/2010.

The pesticide: Carbofuran Gas No: 1563-66-2 (insecticide and Nimatoda) It is forbidden to use in the Syrian Arab Republic in all its forms by the Minister of Agriculture No. 10 / T Date 10/4/1990 and No. 1969 / w Date 12/5/1999.

Best regards

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## Vietnam


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**Subject: Proposals to amend Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention to be considered at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On the basis of legal grounds and the documents that the Convention Secretariat sent regarding to recommending that the Conference of the Parties consider listing the following chemicals in Annex III to the Convention: Carbosulfan and Carbofuran (as a pesticide).

As the Designated National Authority on pesticides in Vietnam, we agreed with the proposal to consider inclusion of Carbosulfan and Carbofuran in Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention.

In Vietnam, Carbofuran was banned in 25, August, 2013. For Carbosulfan, we will have plan to proceed a risk assessment of Carbosulfan to human health and environment for the purpose of removing Carbosulfan from the list of pesticides used in Vietnam.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

*Yours sincerely,*



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**Subject: Proposals to amend Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention to be considered at the COP8**

Vietnam Chemicals Agency presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention and has the honor to refer to the proposals to amend Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention to be considered at the eighth meeting of the Conference of State Parties.

With the role of Designated National Authority on industrial chemicals in Vietnam, in compliance with the Document N° 3791/VPCP-QHQT dated April 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 by the Prime Minister, we agree to amend Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention by listing the following chemicals due to their negative effects on the human health and the environment: Chrysotile Asbestos; Short-chain chlorinated paraffins; and Tributyltin compounds.

Vietnam Chemicals Agency avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention the assurances of its highest consideration./.

Yours sincerely,

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