

## ROTTERDAM CONVENTION

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### Request for definitions of the term “pesticide”

At the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention, Parties called on the Secretariat to address problems in submission of import responses stemming from Parties employing different definitions of pesticides. Following this request, the Secretariat sent out a questionnaire in 2016 to seek information from Parties. At the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Conference of the Parties in further considering the matter, agreed that the work on the survey on different definitions and the preparation of a comprehensive analysis of the responses and a description of the potential implications of the use of different definitions including options for how to address them should continue.

If possible, please provide your responses in one of the official United Nations languages.

Request	Respondent(s)	Deadline for submission
Respond to the survey by the Secretariat on the existence of various definitions of the term "pesticides" and the implications resulting from the use of those definitions by parties with regard to the implementation of the Convention.	Parties	Please submit information by <b>15 February 2018</b> .

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1. Do you have a definition for the term “pesticide” in your country?

- Yes       No       Under development

a. Please provide the text or description of your national definition of pesticide.

b. Please mention or describe the legal basis for this definition (e.g. legislative act, decree, law, regulation). If available, please provide the respective text or a link to the website where the text is available.

2. Are you facing any challenges in implementing the Rotterdam Convention that relate to the definition of pesticide, e.g. when submitting import responses, taking final regulatory actions (FRA), preparing notifications of these FRA or communicating with other Parties, for example in the context of export notifications?

Yes       No

Please describe the challenges you may have encountered and any solutions you might want to suggest.

3. Would you like to share any other information on implications resulting from the use of your definition with regard to the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention?

4. Have you considered making use of the definition of “pesticide” as provided in *The International Code of Conduct on Pesticide Management*<sup>1</sup>? If you have used a different basis for the definition of “pesticide”, please provide further information, in particular about any process used to select the basis for the definition.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.fao.org/agriculture/crops/thematic-sitemap/theme/pests/code/en/> : “Pesticide means any substance or mixture of substances of chemical or biological ingredients intended for repelling, destroying or controlling any pest, or regulating plant growth.”