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

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**Technical work: report of the Bureau on the preliminary
review of notifications of final regulatory action and the
proposal for a severely hazardous pesticide formulation**

**Information on trade in chemicals under consideration by the
Chemical Review Committee**

Note by the Secretariat

The annex to the present note sets out information submitted by one party (European Union) and one observer (CropLife International) in response to a request made by the Secretariat in accordance with paragraph (c) (iv) of Annex II to the Convention regarding trade in benzidine and hexachlorobenzene which are under consideration by the Chemical Review Committee at its twelfth meeting. The present note, including its annex, has not been formally edited.

* UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.12/1.

Annex

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European Union

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Information from the European Union on international trade in chemicals

Dear Mr. Payet,

In reply to your request for submission of information on use and trade of chemicals that will be discussed at the 12th meeting of the Chemical Review Committee, we would like to provide you with the following information.

Table 1: Number of European Union export notifications

Chemical	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016**
Benzidine	1	2	0	1	0	0
Hexachlorobenzene*	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 2: Number of importing countries that received or are expected to receive EU exports

Chemical	2011 - 2016
Benzidine	3
Hexachlorobenzene*	0

* It should be noted that all production, placing on the market, use and export of hexachlorobenzene is prohibited in the European Union since that chemical is subject to the Stockholm Convention.

** Data for 2016 reflect the status as of July 2016 and are only preliminary since additional notifications could be submitted.

Yours sincerely,

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31 May 2016

Re: Rotterdam Convention – Ongoing trade of chemicals subject to review by CRC-12

Dear Madam/Sir

On behalf of CropLife International I provide a response to the Secretariat's query as to whether there is continuing international trade of the subject chemicals as communicated by your mail of 31 May 2016.

All substances were notified under industrial use category. I'm therefore not in a position to confirm whether there is international trade for those chemicals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dieterle".

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