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Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous
Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade
Chemical Review Committee**

Third meeting

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Item 6 of the provisional agenda*

Other matters

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

1. The annex to the present note contains submissions made to the Secretariat containing information on trade in chemicals under consideration by the Chemical Review Committee at its third meeting. The annex has not been formally edited by the Secretariat.
2. The following material is included in the annex:
 - (a) Table with summary of information received and collected by the Secretariat as of 07 February 2007;
 - (b) Information submitted by the European Commission;
 - (c) Information submitted by Cyprus;
 - (d) Information submitted by Ukraine;
 - (e) Information submitted by Romania;
 - (f) Information submitted by CropLife International.
 - (g) Information submitted by New Zealand.

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Annex

List of countries

A. Table with summary of information received and collected by the secretariat as at 07 February 2007

Chemical Name	Source of Information
Benzidine	<p>Cyprus (25-08-2006) Neither produced nor used.</p> <p>European Commission (13-11-2006) This chemical is severely restricted for industrial use in the EC by Directive 89/677/EC. According to data on EDEXIM database, the chemical has been exported from the EC as recently as this year.</p> <p>Ukraine (07-08-2006) Not produced and not used in 2005 by industrial enterprises in Ukraine. In accordance with the Decree No. 1287 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine (August 17,1998), benzidine and dyes of its base are referred to as highly dangerous chemicals. Their production and use is controlled by a licensing system that started in 2001. The Ministry of Industrial Policy of Ukraine did not issue any licenses for the production of and use of benzidine.</p> <p>Romania (16-12-2006) Has been imported in very small quantities (400 g in 2003) for use in analytical laboratories.</p> <p>New Zealand (24-01-2007) No ongoing manufacture, trade or use.</p>
Endrin	<p>Cyprus (25-08-2006) Neither produced nor used.</p> <p>European Commission (13-11-2006) Since 1978 this chemical has been banned in the EC for use in plant protection products by Directive 79/117/EEC. Not produced in the EC and subject to an export ban under Article 14.2 and Annex V of Regulation 304/2003.</p> <p>Romania (16-12-2006) Has been imported in very small quantities (1,6 g in 2005) for use in analytical laboratories. Not authorized for use as a plant protection product.</p> <p>CropLife International (21-12-2006) Cannot confirm manufacture or trade.</p> <p>New Zealand (24-01-2007) No ongoing manufacture, trade or use.</p>
Methamidophos	<p>Cyprus (25-08-2006) Not produced in Cyprus but its import and use is permitted for a limited number of agricultural applications.</p> <p>European Commission (13-11-2006) Decision on whether to authorize use as a plant protection product is currently pending. Member States make own decisions whether or not to authorize use in their territories. Thus, chemical is used in several Member States. Was exported in</p>

Chemical Name	Source of Information
	<p>2005.</p> <p>Romania (16-12-2006) Not authorized for use as a plant protection product. Has not been produced, traded or used in 2006.</p> <p>CropLife International (21-12-2006) Currently being manufactured and traded internationally.</p> <p>New Zealand (24-01-2007) Used for the control of a range of insects in a variety of crops. Formulations containing methamidophos have been registered for use since 1973. Four products currently registered for agricultural use. It is short listed for reassessment under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act 1996, which may result in changes in controls and restrictions on the use of this chemical in the future.</p>
Mirex	<p>Cyprus (25-08-2006) Neither produced nor used.</p> <p>European Commission (13-11-2006) Chemical subject to the CLRTAP and Stockholm Convention. Production and use in the EC banned by Regulation 850/2004. Not produced in the EC and subject to an export ban under Article 14.2 and Annex V of Regulation 304/2003.</p> <p>Romania (16-12-2006) Not authorized for use as a plant protection product. Has not been produced, traded or used in 2006.</p> <p>CropLife International (21-12-2006) Cannot confirm manufacture or trade.</p> <p>New Zealand (24-01-2007) No ongoing manufacture, trade or use.</p>
Endosulfan	<p>European Commission (13-11-2006) Still in use. Has been exported this year.</p> <p>New Zealand (24-01-2007) In New Zealand it is used to treat vegetable, ornamental and berry fruit crops. Formulations containing endosulfan have been registered for use since 1963. Three products are currently registered for agricultural use. It is short listed for reassessment under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act 1996, which may result in changes in controls and restrictions on the use of this chemical in the future.</p>

B. Information submitted by the European Commission



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Directorate B – Protecting the natural Environment
ENV.B3 – Biotechnology, Pesticides & Health

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Convention,
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Division,
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Dear Mr Murray,

Countries and other interested parties have been invited to submit information on the continued use, import and export of the chemicals Benzidine, Endrin, Methamidophos and Mirex, which are due to be considered at the third meeting of the Chemical Review Committee. The purpose of this letter is to provide such information on behalf of the European Community.

Very briefly, the situation at European Community level can be summarised as follows.

Benzidine

This chemical is severely restricted for industrial use in the EC by Directive 89/677/EC. According to data on our EDEXIM database, the chemical has been exported from the EC as recently as this year.

Endrin

Since 1978 this chemical has been banned in the EC for use in plant protection products by Directive 79/117/EEC. That ban was subsumed in Regulation 850/2004 implementing the 1979 Protocol to the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP) for persistent organic pollutants and the Stockholm Convention. The chemical is not produced in the EC and is subject to an export ban under Article 14.2 and Annex V of Regulation 304/2003.

Methamidophos

Following evaluation within the framework of Directive 91/414/EEC, a decision on whether to authorise this chemical's use as a plant protection product is currently pending. In the meantime it is for Member States to take national decisions whether or not to authorise such use in their territories. According to the information available to the Commission, the chemical is used in the EC, being authorised in several Member States. It was also exported in 2005 (latest available information).

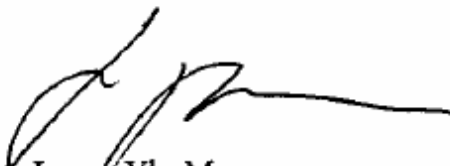
Mirex

This chemical is subject to the CLRTAP and the Stockholm Convention. Production and use in the EC is banned by Regulation 850/2004. The chemical is not produced in the EC and is subject to an export ban under Article 14.2 and Annex V of Regulation 304/2003.

Since we also expect the EC's notification on endosulfan to be considered at this meeting, I should like to advise you that according to our information, that chemical is still used in the EC. It has also been exported this year.

I hope that this information will be helpful to the Chemical Review Committee in its deliberations.

Yours sincerely,



Leena Yla-Mononen
Deputy Head of Unit

C. Information submitted by Cyprus



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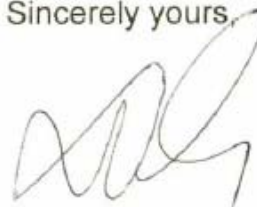
Dear Sir,

**Subject: Call for information on trade in candidate chemicals
for inclusion in Annex III of the Convention**

I refer to your letter, dated 12.6.2006 on the above subject and I would like to inform you the following:

1. Benzidine, Endrin and Mirex are neither produced nor used in Cyprus.
2. Methamidophos is not produced in Cyprus but its import and use is permitted for a limited number of agricultural applications.

Sincerely yours,



Leandros Nicolaides
Director

D. Information submitted by Ukraine

From: Oleksandr Kravchuk
Head, Hygienic Regulation Committee
Kiev, Ukraine
To: N.A. Van der Graaff
Executive Secretary
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August 7, 2006

Subject: PIC Circular XXIII of the Rotterdam Convention

Dear Mr. van der Graaff,

Thank you for your letter of June 12, for the CD of PIC Circular XXIII and the Register of DNAs.

As regards candidate chemicals (benzidine, endrin, methamidophos and mirex) to be included in Annex III of the Convention, Hygienic Regulation Committee of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, designated national authority responsible for industrial chemicals, with this inform that according to the information from the Ministry of Industrial Policy of Ukraine, benzidine was not produced and not used in 2005 in industrial enterprises in Ukraine.

In accordance with the Decree No. 1287 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine August 17, 1998 benzidine and dyes on its base are referred to highly dangerous chemicals. Their production and use are under licensing beginning with 2000. Ministry of Industrial Policy of Ukraine did not issue licenses for production and use of benzidine.

Sincerely yours,

Oleksandr Kravchuk
Head, Hygienic Regulation Committee

E. Information submitted by Romania

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ROMANIA



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATERS MANAGEMENT
Directorate of Management of Waste and Hazardous Substances
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Dear Mr. Van der Graaff,

I would like to refer to your letter on the manufacture, trade or use of benzidine, endrin, methamidophos and mirex in our country.

Concerning above mentioned substances we submit you the following information:

- endrin, methamidophos and mirex are not authorized for using as plant protection plant in Romania;
- methamidophos and mirex have not produced, traded and used in the year 2006 in Romania;
- benzidine and endrin have been imported in very small quantities (benzidine 400 g in 2003 and endrin 1.6 g in 2005) for using in laboratory analytical purposes.

Sincerely yours,

Elena Dumitru
Director

F. Information submitted by CropLife International

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December 21, 2006

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Gentlemen;

Subject: On-going Trade for Endrin, Mirex and Methamidophos

I am responding on behalf of CropLife International to your request for information on the manufacture and trade of the PIC candidate chemicals referred to in your letter of September 7, 2006.

We can confirm that **methamidophos** is currently manufactured and traded internationally.

We have not been able to confirm manufacture and trade for **endrin** and **mirex**.

This information is consistent with prior communications on these chemicals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Morelli".

Michael A. Morelli, Ph.D.
Chair, PIC Project Team
CropLife International

cc: PIC Project Team
C. Verschuere – CropLife International

G. Information submitted by New Zealand



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24 January 2007

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Dear Sir

Call for information on trade in candidate chemicals for inclusion in Annex III of the Convention

In line with the working procedures agreed to at the first meeting of the CRC and supported by the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties, you have requested information of any ongoing manufacture, trade or use of the following five chemicals in New Zealand: benzindine, endosulfan, endrin, methamidophos and mirex. We are pleased to be able to offer the following information, and apologise about the delay in getting this information to you.

Benzidine: No ongoing manufacture, trade or use of this chemical.

Endosulfan: In New Zealand the substance is used to treat vegetable, ornamental and berry fruit crops. Formulations containing endosulfan have been registered for use in New Zealand since 1963 – there are three products currently registered for agricultural use in New Zealand. This chemical is shortlisted for reassessment under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act 1996, which may result in changes in controls and restrictions on the use of this chemical in the future.

Endrin: No ongoing manufacture, trade or use of this chemical

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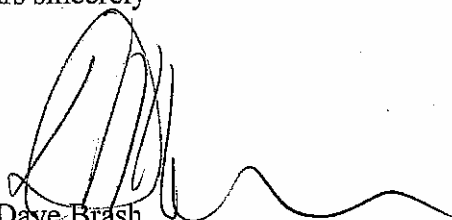
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Methamidophos: Used in New Zealand used for the control of a range of insects in a variety of crops. Formulations containing methamidophos have been registered for use in New Zealand since 1973. Four products containing methamidophos are currently registered for agricultural use in New Zealand. This chemical is shortlisted for reassessment under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act 1996, which may result in changes in controls and restrictions on the use of this chemical in the future.

Mirex: No ongoing manufacture, trade or use of this chemical

I hope this information is useful for the CRC in its consideration of these chemicals

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Dave Brash', with a long, wavy horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr Dave Brash
Designated National Authority
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