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Re: Dispatch of Decision Guidance Document and request for submission of import responses on methamidophos

Dear Designated National Authority,

At its seventh meeting, by decisions RC-7/4, the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade agreed to list **methamidophos** in Annex III of the Convention and accordingly subject it to the Prior Informed Consent procedure. The amendment to the Convention will enter into force for all parties on 15 September 2015.

A copy of the full text of decision RC-7/4 is enclosed with this letter (enclosure 2).

Article 10, paragraph 2, of the Rotterdam Convention requires that each party shall transmit to the Secretariat, as soon as possible, and in any event no later than nine months after the date of dispatch of the Decision Guidance Document (DGD) for a chemical, a response concerning the future import of the chemical concerned. The Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention is herewith distributing the DGD on methamidophos (enclosure 1), to all Designated National Authorities with the request that you submit to the Secretariat your Government's decision concerning the future import of this pesticide by **15 June 2016**.

The listing of **methamidophos** under the category pesticide covers all types of formulation of the pesticide, including the severely hazardous pesticide formulations that were previously listed in Annex III. By decision RC-7/4, the Conference of the Parties decided to delete the existing entry in Annex III for "methamidophos (soluble liquid formulations of the substance that exceed 600 g active ingredient/l)" which will come into effect on 15 September 2015. Consequently, import responses for the severely hazardous pesticide formulations for methamidophos will cease to have legal effect after that date. In order to avoid discontinuation of the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for the chemical concerned, the Secretariat urges each party to submit the new import response for methamidophos as a pesticide in a timely manner.

To: Rotterdam Convention Designated National Authorities
cc: Rotterdam Convention Official Contact Points

The import response of your country may be transmitted using the on-line import response form (available at <http://www.pic.int/Procedures/ImportResponses/FormandInstructions/tabid/1165/language/en-US/Default.aspx>) or the enclosed word forms (enclosure 3). In the later case, the original of the completed form, signed, dated and affixed with the official seal of the replying authority, should be sent to the Secretariat, with a copy retained for your records. Further copies of the import response form and instructions, as well as the DGDs may be found in English, French and Spanish on the Rotterdam Convention web site <http://www.pic.int>.

Article 10, paragraph 3, requires that the Secretariat, at the expiration of the time period indicated in paragraph 2, to address to a party that has not provided such a response, a written request to do so. The Secretariat will fulfil this obligation by listing in Appendix IV of PIC Circular XLIV (scheduled to be dispatched in December 2016) those parties that have failed to transmit an import response for this chemical.

If your country has nominated more than one Designated National Authority, you are kindly requested to submit a consolidated response regarding the future import of these chemicals.

Thank you for your continued support of the Rotterdam Convention. We look forward to hearing from you in due course. Please contact the Secretariat at the addresses provided in the letterhead if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosures:

- Enclosure 1: Decision Guidance Document on methamidophos
- Enclosure 2: Decision RC-7/4
- Enclosure 3: Import response form and instructions