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Questionnaire on Article 5 of the Rotterdam Convention

Follow-up to decisions taken at RC COP-7: Request for notifications of final regulatory action for banned or severely restricted chemicals and texts of national legislation and other measures adopted

At the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention, parties expressed concern that the number of notifications of final regulatory action and in particular the number of countries notifying them, remains low. Notification of such actions is an obligation under Article 5 of the Convention. Many parties have expressed that they may have difficulties meeting the information requirements of Annex I and the criteria of Annex II of the convention, as often found in notifications submitted by developing country parties or parties with economies in transition. Notification of final regulatory actions adopted by parties is however important to ensure exchange of information regarding banned or severely restricted chemicals.

Decision RC-7/1 urged parties to submit notifications of final regulatory action for banned or severely restricted chemicals. Furthermore it requested the Secretariat to carry out a survey on the final regulatory actions adopted by parties.

Request	Respondent(s)	Deadline for submission
Respond to the questionnaire by the Secretariat on any action taken to ban or severely restrict a chemical and on main constraints faced by parties when implementing Article 5 of the Rotterdam Convention.	Parties	Please submit information by 30 April 2016 .

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Questionnaire on Article 5 of the Rotterdam Convention

1. Has your country ever taken a decision to ban or severely restrict a (or several) chemical(s) (i.e. pesticide, SHPF or industrial chemical)?

Yes No

2. If you answered “Yes” to question 1, please provide the list of all chemicals which have been banned or whose use has been severely restricted. Please send the list as a separate document.

3. Have you notified the Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention for each of the chemicals your country has banned or whose use is severely restricted?

Yes No*

4. Below is an illustration of the five most appropriate steps in the process to ban or severely restrict a chemical:

- Step 1: System for monitoring and surveillance of chemicals that makes it possible to measure exposure to pesticides and industrial chemicals and adverse effects prevailing under local conditions
- Step 2: Capacity for data collection and information exchange
- Step 3: Mechanism for data analysis and risk assessment
- Step 4: Decision-making process for regulatory measures aimed at chemical
- Step 5: DNA to notify the Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention as soon as possible, following Annex I requirements

Please indicate which steps your country has difficulties with:

Step 1 Please specify: _____

Step 2 Please specify: _____

Step 3 Please specify: _____

Step 4 Please specify: _____

Step 5 Please specify: _____

5. Is the DNA involved in the data collection and information exchange system? (step 2 above)

Yes No

6. Regarding the mechanism in place for data analysis and risk assessment (step 3 above), do you have difficulties in taking into consideration the following Annex II criteria :
- Conditions prevailing in the country;
 - Data generated according to scientifically recognized methods;
 - Recognized scientific principles in reviewing data
7. Regarding step 5 on notifying the Secretariat once a chemical has been banned or severely restricted, have you faced difficulties in following Annex I information requirements?
- Yes Please specify: _____
 - No
8. Is the information provided on the Rotterdam Convention website (www.pic.int) useful and helpful when completing the notification form for a final regulatory action?
- Yes No
- Please specify: _____

*If you answered “No” to question 3, please notify the Secretariat as soon as possible, preferably for chemicals not listed under Annex III of the Convention and by using the FRA notification form provided [here](#).