



**Rotterdam Convention on the Prior
Informed Consent Procedure for
Certain Hazardous Chemicals and
Pesticides in International Trade**

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Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: organization of work

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

1. The eighteenth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee will be held in Rome from 19 to 23 September 2022. The meeting will be opened by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. Noluzuko Gwayi (South Africa), at 9.30 a.m. (UTC + 2) on Monday, 19 September 2022.
2. Opening and welcoming statements will be delivered.

Item 2

Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

3. The Committee may wish to adopt its agenda, with any amendments, on the basis of the provisional agenda (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/1).

(b) Organization of work

4. The Committee has before it a scenario note for the meeting prepared by the Chair (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/1) and a tentative schedule for the meeting prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/2).
5. The Committee may wish to meet from Monday, 19 September to Friday, 23 September 2022 from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., subject to adjustments as necessary.
6. The Committee may wish to establish contact groups and drafting groups as necessary, and to specify their mandates.

* UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/1.

Item 3

Review of the outcomes of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade that are relevant to the work of the Committee

7. Because of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade was held back-to-back with the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal and the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants in two segments: an online segment that took place from 26 to 30 July 2021 and a face-to-face segment held in Geneva from 6 to 17 June 2022. The outcomes of the meeting relevant to the work of the Committee are set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/31. A draft indicative list of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds prepared by the Secretariat is set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/32.
8. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the documents.

Item 4

Rotation of the membership

9. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on the rotation of the membership of the Chemical Review Committee (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/3). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided.

Item 5

Technical work

(a) Consideration of draft decision guidance documents

(i) Iprodione

10. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing a draft decision guidance document for iprodione (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/3). A compilation of comments from the Committee members and observers and responses relating to the draft decision guidance document is set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/4. The Committee may wish to finalize the draft decision guidance document and to forward it, together with its recommendation to list iprodione in Annex III to the Convention, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting.

(ii) Terbufos

11. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing a draft decision guidance document for terbufos (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/4). A compilation of comments from the Committee members and observers and responses relating to the draft decision guidance document is set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/5. The Committee may wish to finalize the draft decision guidance document and to forward it, together with its recommendation to list terbufos in Annex III to the Convention, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting.

(b) Report of the Bureau on the preliminary review of notifications of final regulatory action

12. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat setting out the report of the Bureau on the preliminary review of notifications of final regulatory action (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/2). Information on trade in the chemicals under consideration by the Chemical Review Committee is available in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/6. A summary record of notifications of final regulatory action for chemicals reviewed by the Interim Chemical Review Committee or the Chemical Review Committee and of notifications scheduled for review by the Chemical Review Committee is available in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/7. The Committee may wish to proceed with the review of the notifications of final regulatory action and the supporting documentation before it.

(c) Review of notifications of final regulatory action**(i) Amitrole**

13. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing a notification of final regulatory action for amitrole in the pesticide category from one prior informed consent region: Latin America and the Caribbean (Ecuador) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/5). The supporting documentation provided by Ecuador is set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/8.

14. At its fifteenth meeting, the Chemical Review Committee decided that a notification related to amitrole in the pesticide category from the European prior informed consent region (European Union¹) met all the criteria of Annex II to the Convention. The notification from the European Union and the rationale for the conclusion by the Committee are set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/9.

15. The Committee may wish to review the information provided in those documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/5.

(ii) Carbaryl

16. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing notifications of final regulatory action for carbaryl in the pesticide category from two prior informed consent regions: Europe (Bosnia and Herzegovina and Türkiye) and Africa (Mozambique) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/6). The supporting documentation provided by Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mozambique and Türkiye is set out in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/10, UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/11 and UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/12, respectively.

17. At its fourth meeting, the Chemical Review Committee decided that a notification related to carbaryl in the pesticide category from the European prior informed consent region (European Union) met all the criteria of Annex II to the Convention. The notification from the European Union and the rationale for the conclusion by the Committee are set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.17/INF/8.

18. The Committee may wish to review the information provided in those documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/6.

(iii) Carbon tetrachloride

19. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing notifications of final regulatory action for carbon tetrachloride in the pesticide category from one prior informed consent region: Latin America and the Caribbean (Ecuador) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/7). The supporting documentation provided by Ecuador is set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/13.

20. At its first meeting, the Chemical Review Committee decided that a notification related to carbon tetrachloride in the pesticide category from the North American prior informed consent region (Canada) met all the criteria of Annex II to the Convention. The notification from Canada and the rationale for the conclusion by the Committee are set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/14.

21. The Committee may wish to review the information provided in those documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/7.

(iv) Chlorfenvinphos

22. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing notifications of final regulatory action for chlorfenvinphos in the pesticide category from two prior informed consent regions: Africa (Mozambique) and Europe (Norway and Türkiye) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/8). The supporting documentation provided by Mozambique, Norway and Türkiye is set out in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/15, UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/16 and UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/17, respectively.

23. The Committee may wish to review the information provided in those documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/8.

(v) Methidathion

24. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing notifications of final regulatory action for methidathion in the pesticide category from three prior informed consent regions: Europe (Türkiye), Africa (Mozambique) and Latin America and the Caribbean (Uruguay)

¹ In accordance with the Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community (Official Journal of the European Union, *OJ C 306*, 17.12.2007), the term “Community” is replaced by “Union”, with the European Union taking the place of the Community and being its legal successor.

(UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/9). The supporting documentation provided by Mozambique, Türkiye and Uruguay is set out in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.17/INF/13, UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/18 and UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.17/INF/14 respectively.

25. At its seventeenth meeting, the Chemical Review Committee considered the notifications of final regulatory action on methidathion submitted by Mozambique and Uruguay. The Committee was unable to reach consensus on whether the notifications met the criteria of Annex II and agreed to continue its consideration of the notifications on methidathion from Mozambique and Uruguay at its eighteenth meeting. The text of a draft rationale for the conclusion by the Chemical Review Committee on the notifications of final regulatory action submitted by Mozambique and Uruguay, which was under consideration by the contact group on methidathion established at the seventeenth meeting with oral amendments put forward by the chair and drafter of the contact group during the plenary session, is set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.17/INF/33 for further consideration by the Committee at its eighteenth meeting.

26. The Committee may wish to review the information provided in those documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/9.

(vi) Methyl bromide

27. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing notifications of final regulatory action for methyl bromide in the pesticide category from two prior informed consent regions: Asia (Indonesia) and Latin America and the Caribbean (Colombia)(UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/10). The supporting documentation provided by Colombia and Indonesia is set out in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/19 and UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/20, respectively.

28. At its first meeting, the Chemical Review Committee decided that a notification related to methyl bromide in the pesticide category from the European prior informed consent region (the Netherlands) met all the criteria of Annex II to the Convention. The notification from the Netherlands and the rationale for the conclusion by the Committee are set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/21.

29. The Committee may wish to review the information provided in those documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/10.

(vii) Methyl parathion

30. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing notifications of final regulatory action for methyl parathion in the pesticide category from two prior informed consent regions: Asia (China and Indonesia) and Latin America and the Caribbean (Uruguay) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/11). The supporting documentation provided by China, Indonesia and Uruguay is set out in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/22, UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/23 and UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/24, respectively.

31. At its first meeting, the Chemical Review Committee decided that a notification related to methyl parathion in the pesticide category from the European prior informed consent region (European Union) met all the criteria of Annex II to the Convention. The notification from the European Union and the rationale for the conclusion by the Committee are set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.17/INF/17.

32. The Committee may wish to review the information provided in those documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/11.

(viii) Mirex

33. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing notifications of final regulatory action for mirex from two prior informed consent regions: Asia (Indonesia) in the industrial and pesticide categories and Latin America and the Caribbean (Ecuador) in the pesticide category (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/12). The supporting documentation provided by Ecuador and Indonesia is set out in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/25, UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/26, respectively.

34. At its thirteenth meeting, the Chemical Review Committee decided that a notification related to methyl parathion in the industrial category from the North American prior informed consent region (Canada) met all the criteria of Annex II to the Convention. The notification from Canada and the rationale for the conclusion by the Committee are set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/27.

35. The Committee may wish to review the information provided in those documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/12.

(ix) Paraquat

36. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing notifications of final regulatory action for paraquat in the pesticide category from two prior informed consent regions: Africa (Mozambique) and Asia (Malaysia) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/13). The supporting documentation provided by Malaysia and Mozambique is set out in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/28 and UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/29, respectively.

37. The Committee may wish to review the information provided in those documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/13.

(x) Thiodicarb

38. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing notifications of final regulatory action for thiodicarb in the pesticide category from two prior informed consent regions: Africa (Mozambique) and Europe (Türkiye) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/14). The supporting documentation provided by Mozambique and Türkiye is set out in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.17/INF/20 and UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/INF/30 respectively.

39. At its seventeenth meeting, the Chemical Review Committee considered the notification of final regulatory action on thiodicarb submitted by Mozambique, together with a notification from the European Union. The Committee agreed that the notification from the European Union met all the criteria of Annex II to the Convention and adopted a rationale for its conclusion as set out in the annex to decision CRC-17/3.2 With regard to the notification from Mozambique, the Committee was unable to reach consensus on whether it met the criteria of Annex II, specifically the criterion of paragraph (b) (iii), and agreed to continue its consideration at the eighteenth meeting. The text of a draft rationale for the conclusion by the Chemical Review Committee on the notification of final regulatory action submitted by Mozambique which was under consideration by the contact group on thiodicarb established at the seventeenth meeting as the draft rationale stood when the contact group adjourned its work is set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.17/INF/35 for further consideration by the Committee at its eighteenth meeting.

40. The Committee may wish to review the information provided in those documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.18/14.

Item 6

Venue and dates of the nineteenth meeting of the Committee

41. The Committee may wish to consider and reach agreement on the venue and date of its nineteenth meeting.

Item 7

Other matters

42. The Committee may wish to consider other matters raised by its members during the meeting.

Item 8

Adoption of the report of the meeting

43. The Committee will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report of the meeting prepared by the rapporteur.

Item 9

Closure of the meeting

44. It is expected that the Chair will close the meeting by 5 p.m. on Friday, 23 September 2022.

² UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.17/10, annex I.