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Re: Dispatch of Decision Guidance Documents and request for submission of import responses on hexabromocyclododecane and phorate

Dear Designated National Authority,

At its ninth meeting, by decisions RC-9/3 and RC-9/4, 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 amend Annex III to the Convention to list therein the following chemicals:

- **Hexabromocyclododecane; and**
- **Phorate.**

The amendments to the Convention enter into force for all Parties on 16 September 2019. A copy of the depositary notification (Reference: C.N.397.2019.TREATIES-XXVII.14) containing the full text of these amendments in the six official United Nations languages is enclosed with this letter (enclosure 1).

Article 10, paragraph 2, of the Rotterdam Convention provides 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 DGDs for the above listed chemicals (enclosure 2) to all Parties with the request that they submit to the Secretariat their response concerning the future import of these chemicals by **16 June 2020**.

The import responses of your country may be transmitted using the on-line import response form (available at <http://www.pic.int/tabid/1165>) or the enclosed word form (enclosure 3). In the latter case, the original hard copy of the completed form, signed, dated and affixed with the official seal of the replying authority, should be sent to the Secretariat by post, 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>.

To: Rotterdam Convention Designated National Authorities

cc: Rotterdam Convention Official Contact Points

Article 10, paragraph 3, requires that the Secretariat, at the expiration of the time period indicated in paragraph 2, 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 LII (52), scheduled to be dispatched in December 2020, those Parties that have failed to transmit import responses for these chemicals.

If your country has nominated more than one Designated National Authority, you are kindly requested to submit consolidated responses 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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Executive Secretary of the Basel, Rotterdam
and Stockholm Conventions



Hans Dreyer
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Convention

Enclosures:

- Enclosure 1: Depositary notification on the amendments
- Enclosure 2: Decision Guidance Document for the above listed chemicals
- Enclosure 3: Import response form and instructions