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

Dear Designated National Authority,

At its eleventh meeting, by decision RC-11/3, 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 **terbufos** therein in the category of pesticide.

The amendment to the Convention enters into force for all Parties on 22 October 2023. A copy of the depositary notification (Reference: C.N.281.2023.TREATIES-XXVII.14) containing the full text of the amendment 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 DGD for the above-mentioned chemical (enclosure 2) to all Parties with the request that they submit to the Secretariat their response concerning the future import of this chemical by **21 July 2024**.

The import response 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 completed form, signed, dated and, as appropriate, affixed with the official seal of the replying authority, should be sent to the Secretariat either by email or by post. The DGD may be found in the six official languages of the United Nations on the Rotterdam Convention web site at <http://www.pic.int/tabid/2413/Default.aspx>.

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 task by listing in Appendix IV of PIC Circular LVIII (58), scheduled to be dispatched in December 2024, those Parties that have failed to transmit import responses for terbufos.

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

If your country has nominated more than one Designated National Authority, you are kindly invited to communicate with the other Designated National Authorities and, as appropriate, submit a consolidated response regarding the future import of the chemical.

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,

For


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Executive Secretary of the Basel, Rotterdam
and Stockholm Conventions



Christine Fuell
Executive Secretary *ad interim* of the
Rotterdam Convention

Enclosures:

- Enclosure 1: Depositary notification on the amendment
- Enclosure 2: Decision Guidance Document for terbufos
- Enclosure 3: Import response form and instructions