

## **2. Request for notifications of final regulatory action for banned or severely restricted chemicals and texts of national legislation and other measures adopted**

**Decision:** RC-7/1: Proposal for activities to increase notifications of final regulatory action

**Background:** 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 encouraged parties to provide the Secretariat with texts of national legislation and other measures adopted by them to implement the Convention; requested the Secretariat to collect certain information that may assist parties in preparing notifications of final regulatory action; and requested the Secretariat to carry out a survey on the final regulatory actions adopted by parties.

**Requests:**

	<b>Request</b>	<b>Respondent(s)</b>	<b>Method of submission</b>	<b>Deadline for submission</b>
(a)	Send notifications of final regulatory actions if a party has taken any action to ban or severely restrict any chemical.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact points provided below.	No deadline specified in the decision; please submit information as soon as possible.
(b)	Provide the Secretariat with texts of national legislation and other measures adopted by them to implement the Convention.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	No deadline specified in the decision; please submit information as soon as possible.
(c)	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	An online questionnaire will be made available on the Convention website to enable responses to this request.	No deadline specified in the decision; please submit information by the deadline to be indicated in a further communication on this matter.

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