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Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous  
Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade  
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**Inclusion of chemicals in Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention:  
Review of notifications of final regulatory actions to ban  
or severely restrict a chemical: Chrysotile asbestos**

**Chrysotile asbestos: supporting documentation from Latvia**

**Note by the secretariat**

The secretariat has the honour to provide, in the annex to the present note, a comment received from Latvia with regard to its notification of final regulatory action on chrysotile asbestos.

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

## Annex

Dear Sheila,

on 30 November Latvian Environment Agency as one of the Designated National Authorities received a request from Secretariat of the Rotterdam convention to submit additional data, where available, for following notified substances: 2-naphthylamine, benzidine, 4-aminobiphenyl, carbon tetrachloride and chrysotile asbestos.

I would like to provide you following clarification: notifications to the Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention have been made based only on EU requirements, i.e. bans and restrictions directive 76/769/EEC. We have not performed any studies on national level in order to assess the above mentioned substances. Thus, we are not able to provide you with additional data to that, which already has been used for imposing the risk reduction measures on the EU level.

Concerning use of the chemicals. We will screen our national products register and inform you soon about quantities of those chemicals on the Latvian market.

With the kindest regards,

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