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Informed Consent Procedure for
Certain Hazardous Chemicals and
Pesticides in International Trade**

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**Technical work: Review of notifications of final regulatory actions:
Tributyltin compounds**

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Tributyltin compounds: Notifications of final regulatory action

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. Under Article 5 of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, when the Secretariat has received at least one notification of final regulatory action regarding a particular chemical from each of two prior informed consent (PIC) regions that it has verified meet the requirements of Annex I to the Convention, it shall forward the notifications and accompanying documentation to the members of the Chemical Review Committee. The Committee shall review the information provided in such notifications and, in accordance with the criteria set out in Annex II to the Convention, recommend to the Conference of the Parties whether the chemical in question should be made subject to the Prior Informed Consent (PIC) procedure and be listed in Annex III to the Convention. In accordance with Article 7, for each chemical that the Chemical Review Committee has decided to recommend for listing in Annex III, it shall prepare a draft decision guidance document.

2. The Secretariat has received six notifications relating to tributyltin compounds from three PIC regions, that meet the requirements of Annex I (Asia –Japan and Republic of Korea; Europe – European Union; and North America-Canada). Summaries of these notifications were included in PIC Circular XI, June 2000; PIC Circular XVII, June 2003; PIC Circular XX, December 2004; PIC Circular XXI, June 2005; PIC Circular XXII, December 2005; and PIC Circular XXXVIII, December 2013.

* UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.10/1.

3. The notifications from the European Union and Japan had been considered by the Interim Chemical Review Committee at its fourth session, which agreed that the notification from the European Union was complete and had met all the criteria, while the notification from Japan did not meet those criteria. That information may be found in the report of the session.¹
4. At its first meeting, the Chemical Review Committee considered the notifications from the Republic of Korea and Japan (new submission) and agreed that both notifications had met the criteria of Annex II of the Convention with the exception of the criterion set forth in subparagraph (b) (iii) of that Annex².
5. The Chemical Review Committee at its second meeting considered a notification from Canada under the pesticides category and concluded that the notification of final regulatory actions by the European Union and Canada met the information requirements of Annex I and the criteria set out in Annex II to the Convention. It was recommended that tributyltin compounds should be included in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention as a pesticide. The recommendation and draft decision guidance document were forwarded to the Conference of the Parties by the third meeting of the Chemical Review Committee³.
6. The Secretariat is forwarding a new notification from Canada on Final Regulatory Actions under the industrial chemicals category, for review by the Chemical Review Committee. The notification as it was received from the notifying Party is annexed to the present note.
7. The supporting documentation provided by Canada is set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.10/INF/12. The verified notifications from European Union and Canada on tributyltin compounds under the category of pesticides and the rationale adopted by the Chemical Review Committee at its second meeting are available as annexes to UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.10/INF/13.

II. Proposed action

The Committee may wish:

- (a) To review the information provided in the notifications and the respective supporting documentation from Canada related to Tributyltin compounds, in accordance with the criteria set out in Annex II to the Convention,
- (b) If there are notifications from at least two PIC regions meeting the criteria of Annex II to the Convention, to recommend to the Conference of the Parties that the chemical in question should be included in Annex III to the Convention within the industrial chemicals category and a decision guidance document should be drafted.

¹ UNEP/FAO/PIC/ICRC/4/18, paragraphs 73 and 74

² UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/28, paragraphs 103 to 107

³ UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.3/15, annex I. Annex III of the Convention was amended to list tributyltin compounds by decision RC-4/5 adopted by the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Annex

**Notification of final regulatory action for Tributyltin compounds
submitted by Canada**