



**Rotterdam Convention on the
Prior Informed Consent Procedure
for Certain Hazardous Chemicals
and Pesticides in International
Trade**

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Note by the Secretariat

The annex to the present note sets out information submitted by a Party (Montenegro) and observers (CropLife International, Pesticide Action Network International and International POPs Elimination Network) in response to a request made by the Secretariat in accordance with paragraph (c) (iv) of Annex II to the Convention regarding trade in chemicals under consideration by the Chemical Review Committee at its fourteenth meeting. The present note, including its annex, has not been formally edited.

* UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/1.

Annex

Information on trade in chemicals under consideration by the Chemical Review Committee

Montenegro



**PERMANENT MISSION OF MONTENEGRO TO THE UNITED NATIONS
AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA**

No. BRS/30-1

The Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) - Secretariat for the Rotterdam Convention, and has the honour to enclose the letter of Mr. Pavle Radulović, Minister of Sustainable Development and Tourism addressed to Mr. Hans Dreyer, Executive Secretary of the Rotterdam Convention.

The Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) - Secretariat for the Rotterdam Convention the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 6 August 2018

**United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) - Secretariat for the
Rotterdam Convention**
Geneva



MONTENEGRO

MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
AND TOURISMNo.112-570/ 9
Podgorica, 26.07.2018

Mr Hans Dreyer
Executive Secretary of the Rotterdam Convention
 Secretariat for the Rotterdam Convention
 United Nations Environmental Programme
 International Environmental House 1
 Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Mr Dreyer,

Regarding the information on trade and use of the chemicals methyl parathion, hexabromocyclododecan and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA related compounds we inform you that Nature and Environmental Protection Agency which is a Designated National Authority did not issue permits for listed chemicals.

Respectfully,

Agreed
 Saša Radulović, State Secretary



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5 July 2018

Re: Rotterdam Convention / CRC-14 – Ongoing international trade of methyl parathion

Dear Madam/Sir

I refer to the Secretariat's request to provide information on ongoing international trade of methyl parathion (letter from the Executive Secretary, Mr. Hans Dreyer, dated 1 June 2018). A notification of a final regulatory action related to this compound is scheduled for review at the 14th meeting of the Chemical Review Committee.

Although there seem to still exist valid registrations of methyl parathion containing products in very few countries, we were only able to find evidence that this pesticide had been traded till 2016. Accordingly, on behalf of CropLife International, I cannot confirm ongoing international trade of methyl parathion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Dieterle".

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Summary of Information on Use and Trade of Methyl Parathion

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August 2018

The following information on use has been provided by members of the PAN and IPEN networks relevant to trade in methyl parathion:

1. Mexico – methyl parathion is still in use¹ in Mexico, authorised by the Ministry of Health.² There were reported to be 166 methyl parathion products registered, and that methyl parathion was the highest use insecticide in 2016.³ Residues are reported in rivers and coastal lagoons.⁴
2. Ukraine – not registered but the formulation Metafos is advertised on internet, thought to be from illegal trade.⁵
3. USA – advertised on-line, via ChemService, August 2018.⁶
4. China – advertised on-line via MadeIn China, August 2018.⁷
5. India – advertised on-line via Chemet Chemicals PVT Ltd, August 2018⁸
6. Cameroon – banned since 2008 for use on cacao, not registered for other uses.
7. Uruguay – last imported in 2014 (7,960kg formulated product); prohibited in 2016, but stock remaining in the country is allowed to be used.

¹ See: <http://www.dragon.com.mx/tag/paration-metilico/>
<https://www.quiminet.com/productos/paration-metilico-135811021/proveedores.htm>
<https://www.cosmos.com.mx/producto/insecticidas-agricolas-clorpirifos-dicofol-endosulfan-metamidofos-paration-metilico-dfvc.html>
<http://www.terralia.com/agroquimicos-de-mexico/view-composition?composition-id=12724>
<http://www.dragon.com.mx/foley-2-2/>

² <http://www.cofepris.gob.mx/AS/Documents/RegistroSanitarioMedicamentos/regplag.pdf>

³ Refer Table 8, page 71, in Bejarano et al. 2018. Highly Hazardous Pesticides in Mexico. RAPAM, Mexico. <https://ipen.org/news/report-highly-hazardous-pesticides-mexico-now-available>

⁴ E.g. Arellano-Aguilar O, Betancourt-Lozano M, Aguilar-Zárate G, Ponce de Leon-Hill C. 2017. Agrochemical loading in drains and rivers and its connection with pollution in coastal lagoons of the Mexican Pacific. *Environ Monit Assess.* 2017, 189(6):270. doi: 10.1007/s10661-017-5981-8. See also <http://www.jornada.com.mx/2018/05/27/sociedad/034n1soc>

⁵ E.g. <http://ogorod.ua/shop/10984/magazin/metafos-insekticid-akaracid>
<http://7sotok.zakupka.com/p/303979-metafos-2-amp-10ml/>

⁶ <https://www.chemservice.com/methyl-parathion-n-12452-100mg.html>

⁷ <https://www.made-in-china.com/products-search/hot-china-products/Insecticides-Methyl-Parathion-For-Sale.html>; <https://www.made-in-china.com/cheap/methyl-parathion.html>

⁸ <http://www.chemetchemical.in/methyl-parathion-50-ec-1471016.html>

8. Chile – a study released in July 2018 by the Catholic University of Maule, reported parathion in the urine of children from the rural areas of Maule. It is unclear whether this is ethyl or methyl parathion, but it indicates ongoing use.⁹
9. Brazil – banned in 2016.
10. Cuba – banned in November 2017.
11. EU – exported in 2014 and 2015, but not in 2016. Data for 2017 not available.¹⁰



⁹ See <http://www.adnradio.cl/noticias/nacional/detectan-plaguicidas-peligrosos-y-prohibidos-en-orina-de-escolares-de-zonas-rurales-del-maule/20180703/nota/3769384.aspx>;
<https://www.dianolaprensa.cl/region/cientificos-evidencian-presencia-de-plaguicidas-peligrosos-y-prohibidos-en-la-orina-de-escolares-de-talca-y-san-clemente/>

¹⁰ <https://echa.europa.eu/regulations/prior-informed-consent/annual-reporting-on-pic-exports-and-imports>