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

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**Technical work: report of the Bureau on the
preliminary review of notifications of final regulatory
action**

Information on trade

Note by the Secretariat

The annex to the present note sets out information submitted by one Party (European Union) and two observers (CropLife International and Pesticide Action 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. The present note, including its annex, has not been formally edited.

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Annex

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

European Union



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Information from the European Union on international trade in chemicals

Dear Mr. Payet,

In reply to your request for submission of information on international trade in chemicals that will be discussed at the 17th meeting of the Chemical Review Committee, we would like to provide you with the following information.

Please find in table 1 data on the number of export notifications forwarded by the European Union to importing countries (Parties and non-Parties to the Convention) and in table two the number of importing countries that received those export notifications.

Table 1: Number of European Union export notifications

Chemical	2018	2019	2020	2021*	Total
Carbaryl	1	--	--	--	1
Chlorfenvinphos	5	5	4	3	17
Iprodione	--	18	24	23	65
Thiodicarb	3	1	1	1	6

Table 2: Number of importing countries that received or are expected to receive EU exports

Chemical	2018	2019	2020	2021*	Total
Carbaryl	1	--	--	--	1
Chlorfenvinphos	3	4	4	2	4
Iprodione	--	17	20	20	21
Thiodicarb	3	1	1	1	3

* Data for 2021 reflect the status as of February 2021 and are preliminary since additional export notifications for export in 2021 may be submitted.

Yours sincerely,



JUERGEN HELBIG
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Amitrole	--	4	4	5
Mirex	0	0	0	0
Methyl bromide	0	0	0	0
Carbon tetrachloride	21	24	11	11
Paraquat	11	11	12	1

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Table 2: Number of importing countries that received or are expected to receive EU exports

Chemical	2018	2019	2020	2021*
Amitrole	--	3	3	4
Mirex	0	0	0	0
Methyl bromide	0	0	0	0
Carbon tetrachloride	8	5	5	4
Paraquat	11	11	12	1

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CropLife International



RC secretariat
Att. Aleksandar Mihajlovski

17 December 2020
L/In-2020-03

Subject: Rotterdam Convention Ongoing International Trade of chemical subject to review CRC 17

Dear Madam/sir,
Dear Aleksander,

With reference to your request of Oct. 22nd concerning the ongoing international trade of substances to be discussed during the CRC-17 meeting in 2021 I can confirm the following as tabled below.

Please note that this response is for CropLife members only and have indicated where it is known that additional trade is ongoing in those case where CLI members are not trading for your convenience.

Candidate chemicals	Traded by CLI members	Traded by non CLI members
Carbaryl	No	?
Chlorfenvinphos	No	Yes
Iprodione	Yes	Yes
Methidathion	No	Yes
Methyl-parathion	No	?
Terbufos	No	Yes
Thiodicarb	Yes	?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Neumann".

Dr Christoph Neumann
Director, International Regulatory Policy

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron van Peer".

Dr. Ron van Peer
Chair, PIC/POPs PT



RC Secretariat

Att. Aleksandar Mihajlovski

15 June 2021

Subject: Rotterdam Convention Ongoing International Trade of chemical subject to review at CRC 17

Dear Aleksandar,

With reference to your request of 24 May 2021, concerning the ongoing international trade of additional five pesticides tentatively scheduled for review by the seventeenth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee (CRC-17), I can confirm the following as tabled below.

Please note that this response applies to CropLife International members only.

Candidate chemicals	Traded by CropLife International members
Amitrole	No
Carbon tetrachloride	No
Methyl bromide	No
Methidathion	No
Mirex	No
Paraquat	Yes

Sincerely,

Dr Christoph Neumann
Vice-President, Regulatory Policy and Stewardship

Dr Ron van Peer
Chair, PIC/POPs PT

Pesticide Action Network

Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 7:26 AM

Subject: FW: Call for information on trade_CRC17_addiitonal 5 pesticides_PAN

Dear Alexander,

PAN can offer the following evidence of continued trade:

1. Amitrol – Nufarm website: <https://nufarm.com/au/product/amitrole-t/>
2. Carbon tetrachloride – US?
3. Methyl bromide – evidence of New Zealand’s ongoing use -
<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/export/timber-wood-products/timber-wood-products/methyl-bromide-deadline-and-alternatives/>
4. Paraquat – <https://www.4farmers.com.au/products/herbicides/paraquat-250/>

Additionally, the ECHA website <https://echa.europa.eu/fr/information-on-chemicals/pic/export-notifications> reports exports of amitrole, methyl bromide, and paraquat.

We have not been able to find evidence of trade in mirex, or carbon tetrachloride as a pesticide.

Kind regards,

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Replacing chemicals with biology