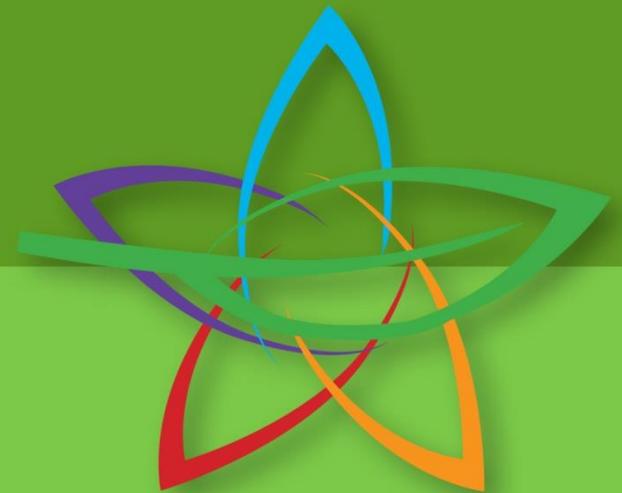




CRC Handbook



Introduction

«Handbook»

CRC developed a series of working procedure and guidance covering a broad range of issues related to the work of the Committee

Purposes

- Facilitate the Committee's work
- Ensure consistency and transparency of CRC

They may be revised in the light of experience acquired

List of of working procedure and collection of experience with case examples

1. Working Procedures

1.1 Process for drafting decision guidance documents

1.2 Working paper on preparing DGD for banned or severely restricted chemicals

1.3 Working paper on preparing DGD for severely hazardous pesticide formulations

1.4 Process for determining evidence of ongoing trade

1.5 Common and recognized patterns of use of SHPF

1.6 Procedure for dealing with notifications of final regulatory action

1.7 Guidance to intersessional Task Groups on reviewing notifications

List of of policy guidance - collection of experience with selected examples

2. Guidance

2.1 Preparation and use of focused summaries

2.2 Bridging Information

2.3 Contaminants

2.4 Working paper on the application of criterion (d) of Annex II

2.5 Working paper on the application of criteria (b)

2.6. Guidance to assist parties to the Rotterdam Convention and the CRC in their work when a chemical under consideration is a POP listed under the Stockholm Convention

1.1 Process for drafting decision guidance documents

- Based on Decision RC-2/2 (amended by RC-6/3 and RC-7/3)
- Explains process for preparing DGD
 - When CRC decides to recommend the listing of a chemical or a SHPF, a drafting group will be established to prepare a draft DGD
 - The working procedure forms the intersessional workplan
 - It sets out the role of the drafting group, CRC members, observers and Secretariat at each step
- Defines documents to be submitted to the COP for its decision on listing
 - CRC's recommendation on listing a chemical
 - Draft DGD
 - Tabular summary of comments

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- 1.2 Working paper on preparing DGD for banned or severely restricted chemicals
 - 1.3 Working paper on preparing DGD for SHPF

It provides guidance to intersessional drafting groups in the preparation of DGD, including:

- Structure of a DGD, purpose of each section
- Characterize the information to be included
- Define acceptable sources of information for each section
- Example text, caveat
- Standard list of core abbreviations

1.4 Process for determining evidence of ongoing trade

Why evidence of ongoing trade?

Annex II (C) Consider whether the final regulatory action provides a sufficient basis to merit listing of the chemical in Annex III, by taking into account:

(iv) Whether there is evidence of ongoing international trade in the chemical.

Sources of information on trade:

- Notifications, DNAs in other countries, Industry association and NGOs

Secretariat collects information on trade

- Calls on information through the PIC Circular and on the website
- Compiles and forwards to the CRC

In case there is no information on ongoing international trade available to the CRC:

- The possibility of ongoing international trade could not be ruled out
- The Committee took international trade into account, and concluded that the criteria (c) (iv) had been met: e.g.

1.7 Guidance to intersessional Task Groups

Why intersessional task group (TG)?

- To undertake preliminary review of candidate chemicals – sometimes huge amount of documentation
- To facilitate/lead discussion during the CRC meeting and **enhance its efficiency**
- It doesn't replace the plenary discussion
- All members are encouraged to actively participate in the TG
- The **Guidance** sets out **why/what/how**
 - ✓ Membership and composition
 - ✓ Role of TGs
 - ✓ Operation – steps and timelines
 - ✓ Template of TG report with example
- Revised at CRC13

2.1 Preparation and use of focused summaries

Why focused summary?

- Parties are encouraged to prepare a **focused summary (E)** when supporting documentation for a notification is either very **voluminous** or is available in a **language other than English**
- It is a **voluntary** action aimed to facilitate the work of the CRC
- The format and content of focused summaries are **flexible**
- The working paper contains:
 - ✓ Outline / key headings to include in a focused summary
 - ✓ Example of a focused summary
- The secretariat requests the DNA to submit a focused summary and provides the working paper as guidance

2.2 Bridging Information

Why bridging information?

- Meeting criterion that *a final regulatory action was based on a risk evaluation involving prevailing conditions within the party taking the action*, has proven particularly difficult
- Other than conducting risk evaluations by themselves, notifying countries may use risk evaluations completed in another country or from an international risk evaluation => **bridging information**
- The guidance on bridging information outlines elements that should be considered in comparing the exposure scenario in country A and B

2.4 Working paper on the application of criterion (d) of Annex II

Why guidance on criterion (d)?

Annex II (d) Take into account that intentional misuse is not in itself an adequate reason to list a chemical in Annex III.

- In the past there were cases which required interpretation of the term “misuse” and application of criterion Annex II (d).
- CRC and COP have dealt with it extensively
- The agreed policy is summarized in the guidance document
- For future cases the CRC will apply the guidance on a case by case basis when needed

2.6 Guidance to assist parties to the Rotterdam Convention and the CRC when a chemical under consideration is a POPs listed under the SC

When reviewing a notification on a chemical listed under SC

- CRC should consider risk evaluations under the SC and MP as adequate support for meeting the criteria of Annex II (b) (i) and (ii)
- In order for the CRC to determine whether the notification meets criterion Annex II (b) (iii), parties should indicate:
 - ✓ A national risk evaluation takes into account prevailing conditions within the notifying party, or
 - ✓ “Bridging information” with a comparison of the conditions of use and the relevance of risk mitigation measures in the notifying party and the POPRC’s evaluation
- A statement that a POP has been banned/SR based on its listing under the SC without a national risk evaluation or bridging information - criterion Annex II (b) (iii) would **not** be met
- CRC 13 asked the secretariat to add further examples



Thank you!