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INCLUSION OF CHEMICALS IN THE INTERIM PRIOR INFORMED CONSENT
PROCEDURE - SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Information provided on trade

Note from the Secretariat

1. Annexed to this note is the documentation provided by additional countries on ongoing production, use and trade of dimefox, endrin, endosulfan, mevinphos and vinclozolin.

List of documents received from countries:

Australian information on dimefox, endosulfan, endrin, mevinphos and vinclozolin

Brazil: information on dimefox, endosulfan, endrin, mevinphos and vinclozolin

Cambodia: information on endosulfan

European Commission: information on dimefox, endosulfan, endrin, mevinphos and vinclozolin

Indonesia: information on endosulfan

Switzerland: information on endosulfan, mevinphos and vinclozolin

AUSTRALIAN INFORMATION ON DIMEFOS, ENDOSULFAN, ENDRIN, MEVINPHOS AND VINCLOZOLIN

With regard to the 5 pesticides identified for review at ICRC5, dimefox and endrin are not approved for use in Australia. The three other chemicals have been subject to review by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)¹: vinclozolin and mevinphos reviews are completed and endosulfan is currently under review.

The following information is current as of 8 January 2004.

Vinclozolin

There are no current product registrations for Vinclozolin.

A review of vinclozolin products was completed in January 1997:

- As a result of its evaluation of the toxicological and worker exposure concerns, the APVMA decided to cancel the registration of the product BASF Ronilan FL 500 Fungicide on 31 December 1996.
- The registration of another product containing vinclozolin, BASF Ronilan Fungicide ended in June 1996 when the registrant voluntarily did not renew the registration. The APVMA will not renew the registration of this product.

Mevinphos

As a result of the APVMA review of mevinphos in 1997, supplementary data was sought to address user safety concerns. In October 2002, following the review of this data, the APVMA affirmed the approval of mevinphos active constituent. The APVMA also varied the registration and label approvals for the only product registered at the time - Phosdrin Insecticide.

Endosulfan

The APVMA commenced its review of endosulfan in 1995. An interim review report was released in August 1998. Following this report endosulfan uses were substantially restricted.

Furthermore, the APVMA cancelled the registration of ultra low volume (ULV) endosulfan products as a result of trade concerns in 2001. An additional review is currently underway, but no final decision has yet been made.

Five products are registered for use, although their registration is currently suspended (Nufarm Endosulfan 350 EC Insecticide, Thionex 350 EC Insecticide Spray, Endosan Emulsifiable Concentrate Insecticide, Thiodan EC Insecticide, Farnoz Endosulfan 350 EC Insecticide). New instructions have been issued regarding use of these products while under suspension.

¹ The APVMA is the National Registration Authority for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (NRA)



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MESSAGE

Dear Sir,

In response of your request regarding the trade and use of the candidate chemicals for review by Interim Chemical Review Committee, We have to inform the following one:

1. Endosulfan

Its agricultural use is still permitted in Brazil and also as wood preservative.

Estimated quantity used:

Quantity (MT)	Year
5,346	2000
4,057	2001
2,454	2002

2. Dimefox: In Brazil there is no any registered product based on Dimefox as active ingredient.

3. Endrin: The same as Dimefox.

4. Mevinphos: In Brazil this chemical is Registered by BASF S/A, but at the moment is not being marketed.

5. Vinclozolin: Also Registered by BASF S/A, permitted for use in bean cultivation.

Estimated quantity used

Quantity (MT)	Year
20	2000
24	2001
27	2002

Yours truly

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December 25, 2003

To: Mr. N.A. Van der Graaff
Executive Secretary

PL 36/11

Subject: Interim PIC Procedure- Confirmation of final regulation action to ban endosulfan

Dear Mr. Graaff

Thank you for your letter dated 19 September 2003. With your request, I would like to inform you that Minister of MAFF had already made decision to ban Endosulfan since Mach 21, 2003. In other hand, I would like to request for your comment and technical assistance for entering of Cambodia into Rotterdam Convention.

I look forwards to hearing and cooperating with you.

yours sincerely,

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PLANT PRODUCTION	
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Mr. VAN DER GRAAFF	<i>[Signature]</i>
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Dear Mr Van der Graaff,

Countries and other interested parties have been invited to submit information on the continued production, use, import and export of the chemicals Endosulfan, Dimefox, Endrin, Mevinphos, and Vinclozolin, which are due to be considered at the fifth meeting of the interim Chemical Review Committee. The purpose of this letter is to provide such information on behalf of the European Community.

Very briefly, the situation at European Community level can be summarised as follows.

Endosulfan

Still produced and used in the EC. Also exported in 2002 (latest available information).

Plant protection use is currently under Community evaluation within the framework of Directive 91/414/EEC. In the meantime it is for Member States to take national decisions whether or not to authorise such use in their territories. According to the information available to the Commission, the chemical remains authorised in all Member States except Denmark, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands and Sweden.

The chemical has also been identified, but not notified, as an active ingredient in biocidal products under Directive 98/8/EC. This means that it may continue to be marketed for such purposes until 1 September 2006 at the latest.

Dimefox and mevinphos

Banned in the EC for use in plant protection products, since both chemicals were not defended within the framework of Directive 91/414/EEC and not included in Annex I to

that Directive by Commission Regulation 2076/2002. As far as we are aware, neither chemical is produced in the EC.

Endrin

Banned in the EC since 1978 for use in plant protection products by Directive 79/117/EEC. The chemical is not produced in the EC and is subject to export ban under Article 14.2 and annex V of Regulation 304/2003 implementing the Rotterdam Convention.

Vinclozolin

Still produced and used in the EC. Also exported in 2002 (latest available information).

Plant protection use still under evaluation within the framework of Directive 91/414/EEC. In the meantime it is for Member States to take national decisions whether or not to authorise such use in their territories. According to the information available to the Commission, the chemical remains authorised in all Member States except Denmark, Germany (deadline for using up stocks: 31 December 2004), Finland, Ireland and Sweden.

I hope that this information will be helpful to the interim Chemical Review Committee in its deliberations.

Yours sincerely,

SIGNED
Klaus BEREND

To Mr. N.A Van der Graaff

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

Subject : Review of Endosulfan

Dear Mr. Graaff

With regard to your information sent to DNA (The Indonesian Pesticides Committee) through PIC Circular VIII, I am acting Secretary for Pesticides Committee of Republic of Indonesia would like to underlined the second last paragraph in which you had mentioned that the Secretariat has received two notification of final regulatory actions from two PIC regions for five additional chemicals, one of them is Endosulfan.

We believe that such chemical are still in use in many countries as this chemical has been long time applied as one of the oldest chemical in the world. Due to our regulation, pesticides formulation content 35 % active of endosulfan has no longer being granted for registration as it belongs to class I of WHO classification. However, illegal entry of such pesticides most likely to occur all the time as its demand seems to be endless.

Learning from such situation, the Minister of Agriculture has given opportunity to any industry intended to register any chemical but those are mentioned in our regulation not permitted for registration, to apply insecticide for registration include endosulfan with less concentration as it won't fall into class I of WHO classification. Therefore, we could accept new registration for endosulfan with 20 % of active. This consideration has been taken out since we thought to make it available rather than let our farmers to use counterfeit or illegal pesticides contain endosulfan.

Based on such reason we strongly ask the secretariat to permit us applying endosulfan of 20 % instead of 35 % as it shows slightly toxic and impose less impact to the environment. In addition we also learned that in Malaysia, there are to sum more than 30 formulations of 35 % endosulfan are being registered and allowed to be used these days.

I am looking forward for better cooperation and expecting your quick respond.

Thank you so much for your kind attention and cooperation

Best regards,

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Acting Secretary for Pesticides Committee
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Subject: FW: dimefox, endosulfan, endrin, mevinphos and vinclozolin: trade

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Subject: dimefox, endosulfan, endrin, mevinphos and vinclozolin: trade

Dear PIC secretariat,

this is to let you know that concerning the following pesticides, there is trade & use in Switzerland:

endosulfan: import from the EU of formulations and active ingredients, use in CH
mevinphos: import from the US and EU, use in CH
vinclozolin: import, use in CH

Should you require more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Wishing you a very a happy Christmas and great 2004 (how can it not be great with the PIC Convention finally in force!)

Best wishes,
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