



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

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### Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade Eleventh meeting

Geneva, 1–12 May 2023

Item 5 (b) of the provisional agenda\*

**Matters related to the implementation of the Convention:  
listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention**

### **Inclusion of liquid formulations (emulsifiable concentrate and soluble concentrate) containing paraquat dichloride at or above 276 g/L, corresponding to paraquat ion at or above 200 g/L, in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention**

#### **Note by the Secretariat**

#### **I. Introduction**

1. Pursuant to Articles 6 and 7 of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, the Chemical Review Committee, at its eighth meeting, in decision CRC-8/7, recommended the listing of liquid formulations (emulsifiable concentrate and soluble concentrate) containing paraquat dichloride at or above 276 g/L, corresponding to paraquat ion at or above 200 g/L, as severely hazardous pesticide formulations in Annex III to the Convention; adopted a draft decision guidance document for those formulations;<sup>1</sup> and decided to forward it, together with the related tabular summary of comments,<sup>2</sup> to the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention for its consideration. The draft decision guidance document is set out in the addendum to the present note (UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/11/Add.1) for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

2. At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties considered whether liquid formulations (emulsifiable concentrate and soluble concentrate) containing paraquat dichloride at or above 276 g/L, corresponding to paraquat ion at or above 200 g/L, should be made subject to the prior informed consent procedure and, accordingly, considered listing them in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention and approving the draft decision guidance document. In paragraph 2 of decision RC-6/8, the Conference of the Parties decided that the requirements set out in Article 6 of the Convention, including the criteria set out in part 3 of Annex IV to the Convention as mentioned in paragraph 5 of Article 6, the requirements set out in paragraph 1 of Article 7, and the requirements set out in the first sentence of paragraph 2 of Article 7, on the process for listing in Annex III to the Convention, had been met.

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\* UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/1.

<sup>1</sup> UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.8/9/Rev.1.

<sup>2</sup> UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.8/INF/10/Rev.1.

3. Given the lack of consensus on whether to list the formulations in Annex III, the Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 1 of decision RC-6/8, decided to defer consideration of their listing to its seventh meeting.
4. Following the discussions at its seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth meetings, the Conference of the Parties decided, given the lack of consensus on whether to list the chemical in Annex III, to defer further consideration of the listing of liquid formulations (emulsifiable concentrate and soluble concentrate) containing paraquat dichloride at or above 276 g/L, corresponding to paraquat ion at or above 200 g/L, to its eleventh meeting.<sup>3</sup>

## II. Proposed action

5. The Conference of the Parties may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decision RC-6/8, in which the Conference of the Parties decided that all the requirements for listing in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade had been met,

*Noting with appreciation* the work of the Chemical Review Committee,

*Having considered* the recommendation of the Chemical Review Committee to make liquid formulations (emulsifiable concentrate and soluble concentrate) containing paraquat dichloride at or above 276 g/L, corresponding to paraquat ion at or above 200 g/L, subject to the prior informed consent procedure and accordingly to list those chemicals in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention as severely hazardous pesticide formulations,

1. *Decides* to amend Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention to list the following chemical:

<i>Chemical</i>	<i>Relevant CAS number(s)</i>	<i>Category</i>
Liquid formulations (emulsifiable concentrate and soluble concentrate) containing paraquat dichloride at or above 276 g/L, corresponding to paraquat ion at or above 200 g/L	1910-42-5 4685-14-7	Severely hazardous pesticide formulation

2. *Also decides* that the amendment shall enter into force for all Parties on 22 October 2023;

3. *Approves* the decision guidance document on liquid formulations (emulsifiable concentrate and soluble concentrate) containing paraquat dichloride at or above 276 g/L, corresponding to paraquat ion at or above 200 g/L.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> See UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/28/Add.1, para. 104.

<sup>4</sup> UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/11/Add.1, annex.