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# Outcomes of the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Chemical Review Committee and intersessional work

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Webinar

6 November 2023

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# Nineteenth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee (CRC-19)

- 3-6 October 2023
- Chair: Ms. Noluzuko Gwayi (South Africa)
- 99 participants (28 members and 71 observers)
- Finalized 2 draft decision guidance documents
- Reviewed notifications of final regulatory action on 9 chemicals
- Recommended listing of 2 chemicals
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## Draft decision guidance document for methyl bromide

- Pesticide (soil fumigant and for quarantine treatment of plants)
- Listing in Annex III was recommended by CRC-18 based on notifications of final regulatory action from Colombia and the Kingdom of Netherlands
- Draft decision guidance document (DGD) was developed in intersessional period
- CRC-19 adopted the draft DGD and forwarded it to the Conference of the Parties (COP)
- Recommendation and draft DGD to be considered by COP-12 in 2025
- Methyl bromide is covered by the Montreal Protocol, with critical use exemptions and exempted uses



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## Draft decision guidance document for paraquat

- Pesticide (herbicide including on fruits, vegetables, oil palm, sugar cane, cotton, coffee, tea, etc. )
- Listing in Annex III was recommended by CRC-18 based on notifications of final regulatory action from Malaysia and Mozambique
- Draft DGD was developed in intersessional period
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# Chemicals recommended for listing

- **Chlorpyrifos**

- Pesticide (insecticide in agriculture and biocide for non-agricultural pests)
- CRC-19 found notifications from the European Union, Malaysia and Sri Lanka to meet the criteria in Annex II and recommended listing in Annex III
- Draft DGD will be developed in the intersessional period
- Also considered for listing under the Stockholm Convention



- **Mercury**

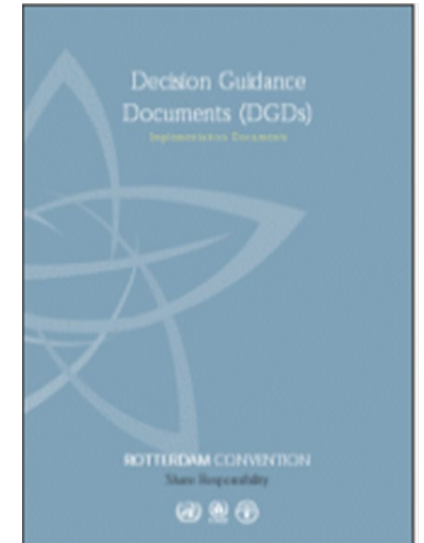
- Industrial chemical (e.g. gold mining and products such as lamps, batteries, medical and measuring devices and dental amalgam)
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## Timetable for preparation of the draft decision guidance documents

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
First draft prepared	15 December 2023
First draft reviewed in drafting group	15 December 2023 – 19 January 2024
<b>Second review of draft: comments by CRC members and observers</b>	<b>19 February – 19 March 2024</b>
Third review of draft in drafting group	15 April – 3 May 2024
Finalization of draft	24 May 2024
Posting on website in languages	5 August 2024



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## Review of other notifications of final regulatory action



- **Bromacil and diarsenic pentaoxide**

- One notification each found to meet Annex II criteria:
  - ❖ Costa Rica for bromacil
  - ❖ European Union for diarsenic pentaoxide
- Listing recommendation requires a second notification from another PIC region

- **Carbaryl, chlorfenvinphos, methidathion, thiodicarb**

- Chemicals considered previously by the CRC
- CRC-19 could not reach agreement on Annex II criteria of Mozambique notifications → to be continued at CRC-20



- **Ethion**

- CRC-19 could not reach agreement on Annex II criteria of Mozambique notification  
→ to be continued at CRC-20 and specific information sought from Mozambique
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## Other work

- **Identification of substances covered by the listing of PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds**
  - Updated indicative list of PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds prepared by the Secretariat taking into account comments received
- **Meeting report:**
  - English advance: available end of year
  - Language versions: Early 2024
- **CRC-20**
  - Tentatively scheduled for 17-20 September 2024 in Rome, Italy
  - Back-to-back with POPRC-20



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# Thank you



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