

Outcomes of the 20th meeting of the Chemical Review Committee and intersessional work

Webinar

28 and 30 October 2024

Twentieth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee (CRC-20)

- 17-20 October 2024
- Chair: Ms. Noluzuko Gwayi (South Africa)
- 93 participants (28 members and 65 observers)
- Finalized 2 draft decision guidance documents



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- Reviewed 39 notifications of final regulatory action on 19 chemicals and 4 Severely Hazardous Pesticide Formulations
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Draft decision guidance document for chlorpyrifos

- Pesticide (insecticide in agriculture and biocide for non-agricultural pests)
- Listing in Annex III was recommended by CRC-19 based on notifications of final regulatory action from the European Union, Malaysia and Sri Lanka



- Draft decision guidance document (DGD) was developed in intersessional period
- CRC-20 adopted the draft DGD and forwarded it to the Conference of the Parties (COP)
- Recommendation and draft DGD to be considered by the Rotterdam Convention COP-12 in 2025
- Chlorpyrifos will also be considered for listing by the Stockholm Convention COP-12 in 2025

Draft decision guidance document for mercury

- Industrial chemical (e.g. gold mining and products such as lamps, batteries, medical and measuring devices and dental amalgam)
- Listing in Annex III was recommended by CRC-19 based on notifications of final regulatory action from Colombia and the European Union



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- Covered by the Minamata Convention on Mercury

Recommendations for listing by the Chemical Review Committee for consideration by COP-12

- Four new chemicals recommended for listing by recent CRC meetings
 - Chlorpyrifos (pesticide; also considered for listing under the Stockholm Convention at COP-12)
 - Methyl bromide (pesticide; also covered by the Montreal Protocol)
 - Mercury (industrial chemical, also covered by the Minamata Convention)
 - Paraquat (pesticide)
 - → Letter to inform Parties and Signatories sent on 4 October 2024 with invitation for comments by 14 February 2025
- Six chemicals previously considered by the COP but no agreement reached yet:
 - Acetochlor (pesticide)
 - Carbosulfan (pesticide)
 - Chrysotile asbestos (industrial chemical)
 - Fenthion (ultra-low-volume (ULV) formulations at or above 640 g active ingredient/L) (SHPF)
 - Iprodione (pesticide)
 - 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 (SHPF)

Review of severly hazardous pesticide formulations from the Lao People's Democratic Republic

- Cypermethrin emulsifiable concentrate 10%
 Cypermethrin emulsifiable concentrate 35%
 Emamectin benzoate water soluble granules 5%
 Methomyl soluble powder 40%
- --- deferred to next meeting
- --- deferred to next meeting
- --- deferred to next meeting
- --- did not meet criteria

- Intersessional task group was set up to:
 - 1. Update the information in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/INF/15, including to identify possible gaps in information needed for the Committee's decision-making.
 - 2. Review the "Human Health Incident Report Form" and "Environmental Incident Report Form," and propose revision, as needed, for consideration at CRC-21 to support improved information collection for the Committee's decision-making.



Review of other notifications of final regulatory action

Chlorpyrifos-methyl

- Notification from the European Union found to meet Annex II criteria
- Listing recommendation requires a second notification from another PIC region



Paraquat and paraquat dichloride

- Notifications from Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Togo found to meet Annex II criteria
- COP-12 will already consider a recommendation for listing paraquat (CRC-18/4) and a draft decision guidance adopted by the Committee in its decision CRC-19/2
- No further action taken at present on the additional notifications

Review of other notifications of final regulatory action

Consideration deferred for:

- O **Dichlorvos**: information sought from the notifier (European Union), including on the risk evaluation involving prevailing conditions within the European Union
- Dicofol: Notifications from Chile, Peru, Switzerland, Türkiye
- Mozambique notifications of final regulatory action (FRA)
 - Carbaryl; Ethion; Thiodicarb
 - Chlorfenvinphos: information sought from the notifier on their use of chlorfenvinphos in veterinary conditions
 - ❖ Methidathion: information sought from the notifier on the import of methidathion
- Malay notifications of FRAs: profenofos, phenthoate, prothiofos, quinalphos
 - ❖ Information sought from the notifier on the residue monitoring survey; the types of maximum residue levels used; and how the observed exceedances in the maximum residue levels were evaluated

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 PFOArelated compounds prepared by the Secretariat taking into account comments received

Meeting report:

- English advance: available early November for report, end of November for decisions
- Language versions: Early 2025 (tbc)

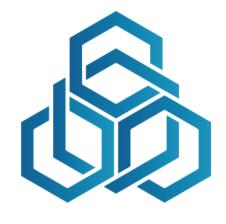
• CRC-21

- Tentatively scheduled for 22-26 September 2025 in Rome, Italy
- Back-to-back with POPRC-21



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Thank you







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