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# Outcomes of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Chemical Review Committee and intersessional work

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Webinar

28 and 30 October 2024

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# 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
- 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



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## 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
- Draft decision guidance document (DGD) was developed in intersessional period
- CRC-20 adopted the draft DGD and forwarded it to the COP
- Recommendation and draft DGD to be considered by the Rotterdam Convention COP-12 in 2025
- Covered by the Minamata Convention on Mercury



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# 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)
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# Review of severely hazardous pesticide formulations from the the Lao People's Democratic Republic

- **Cypermethrin emulsifiable concentrate 10%** --- deferred to next meeting
- **Cypermethrin emulsifiable concentrate 35%** --- deferred to next meeting
- **Emamectin benzoate water soluble granules 5%** --- deferred to next meeting
- **Methomyl soluble powder 40%** --- 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.



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## 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

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## Review of other notifications of final regulatory action

- **Consideration deferred for:**

- **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
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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 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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