



Implementation of the Rotterdam Convention in the European Union

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Rotterdam Convention

on the prior informed consent procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade

Objectives:

- *Promote shared responsibility in international trade of certain hazardous chemicals*
- *Protect human health and the environment*
- *Contribute to their environmentally sound use*

Rotterdam Convention – basic functioning

- *Chemicals are listed in Annex III, based on notifications of final regulatory action submitted by Parties*
- *Parties submit their import response for those chemicals, which is made available and applies to all Parties*
- *Exporting Parties are required to respect the import responses*
- *All Parties are required to notify the export of chemicals banned in their territory to importing Parties*

The PIC Regulation

Regulation (EU) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the export and import of hazardous chemicals (OJ L 201, 27.7.2012, p. 60)

- implements the Rotterdam Convention in the EU
- has more restrictive rules on the export than the Convention

Chemicals

The Regulation covers:

- **Chemicals that are banned or severely restricted in the European Union**
- **Chemicals that are listed in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention**

The list of chemicals is regularly updated based on developments in Union law and under the Convention.

The EU restricts more than the Convention

The export notification applies to

- chemicals (about 226) banned or severely restricted in a subcategory of a Convention use category
- exports to any country and irrespective of the use

The explicit consent procedure applies to

- chemicals (about 120) banned or severely restricted in the EU in a Convention use category (pesticide / industrial chemical)
- RC Annex III chemicals for which an import decision from the importing country is missing

Thank you very much

More information on implementation, legal aspects and chemicals covered:

https://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/trade_dangerous/index_en.htm

<https://echa.europa.eu/regulations/prior-informed-consent/understanding-pic>