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PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Draft format of the Register of specific exemptions**

Note by the secretariat

1. With reference to document UNEP/POPS/INC.6/4, the attachment to the present note proposes a format for the Register of specific exemptions in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 4 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, which state that:

“1. A Register is hereby established for the purpose of identifying the Parties that have specific exemptions listed in Annex A or Annex B. It shall not identify Parties that make use of the provisions in Annex A or Annex B that may be exercised by all Parties. The Register shall be maintained by the Secretariat and shall be available to the public.

2. The Register shall include:

- (a) A list of the types of specific exemptions reproduced from Annex A and Annex B;
- (b) A list of the Parties that have a specific exemption listed under Annex A or Annex B;
- (c) A list of the expiry dates for each registered specific exemption.”

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** Stockholm Convention, Article 4, Paragraphs 1 and 2, Annex A, note (iv), and Annex B, note (iv).

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2. Included in the proposed format are examples of possible registrations based on the revised list of requests for specific exemptions in Annex A and Annex B to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants received by the secretariat as of 22 May 2001 and included in the document UNEP/POPS/CONF/INF/1/Rev.3.

AttachmentDraft Format of the Register of Specific Exemptions

Chemical	Activity	Specific exemption	Party	Expiry date ¹	Remarks
Aldrin CAS No: 309-00-2	Production	None			
	Use	Local ectoparasiticide	<i>(Country name)</i>	<i>(Date)</i>	
		Insecticide	<i>(Country name)</i>	<i>(Date)</i>	<i>As a termiticide</i>
Chlordane CAS No: 57-74-9	Production	As allowed for Parties listed in the Register	<i>(Country name)</i>	<i>(Date)</i>	
	Use	Local ectoparasiticide	<i>(Country name)</i>	<i>(Date)</i>	
		Insecticide	<i>(Country name)</i>	<i>(Date)</i>	
		Termiticide	<i>(Country name)</i>	<i>(Date)</i>	
		Termiticide in buildings and dams	<i>(Country name)</i>	<i>(Date)</i>	
			<i>(Country name)</i>	<i>(Date)</i>	<i>In buildings only</i>
			<i>(Country name)</i>	<i>(Date)</i>	<i>Wooden articles in use treated with chlordane as a termiticide in structures of houses²</i>
		Termiticide in roads	<i>(Country name)</i>	<i>(Date)</i>	
Additive in plywood adhesives	<i>(Country name)</i>	<i>(Date)</i>			
DDT ³ CAS No: 50-29-3	Production	Intermediate in production of dicofol	<i>(Country name)</i>	<i>(Date)</i>	
		Intermediate	<i>(Country name)</i>	<i>(Date)</i>	

¹ Paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Stockholm Convention stipulates that unless an earlier date is indicated in the Register by a Party, or an extension is granted pursuant to paragraph 7, all registrations of specific exemptions shall expire five years after the date of entry into force of this Convention with respect to a particular chemical.

² This request may be covered by note (ii) to Annex A of the Convention.

³ Production and use of DDT for the acceptable purpose of disease vector control in accordance with Part II of Annex B are registered in a separate DDT Register.

Chemical	Activity	Specific exemption	Party	Expiry date ¹	Remarks
	Use ⁴	Production of dicofol	(Country name)	(Date)	Contained in dicofol as a contaminant
			(Country name)	(Date)	Contained in dicofol as a contaminant (maximum concentration 0.1%)
		Intermediate	(Country name)	(Date)	
Dieldrin CAS No: 60-57-1	Production	None			
	Use	In agricultural operations	(Country name)	(Date)	Two years for exhausting residual stocks
Endrin CAS No: 72-20-8	Production	None			
	Use	None			
Heptachlor CAS No: 76-44-8	Production	None			
	Use ⁵	Termiticide	(Country name)	(Date)	
			(Country name)	(Date)	Subterranean termiticide
		Termiticide in structures of houses	(Country name)	(Date)	Wooden articles in use treated with heptachlor as a termiticide in structures of houses ⁶
		Wood treatment	(Country name)	(Date)	
		In use in underground cable boxes ⁷			
Hexachloro-benzene CAS No: 118-74-1	Production	As allowed for the Parties listed in the Register	(Country name)	(Date)	As an intermediate

⁴ The request for a specific exemption for use of DDT as a *de minimis* contaminant is not included because there is no such exemption listed in Annex B. However, this use may be covered by note (i) to the Annex.

⁵ The request for a specific exemption for the use of heptachlor in articles in general use is not included because there is no such exemption listed in Annex A. However, this use may be covered by note (ii) to the Annex.

⁶ This request may be covered by note (ii) to Annex A.

⁷ No requests were received for this exemption.

Chemical	Activity	Specific exemption	Party	Expiry date ¹	Remarks
	Use ⁸	Intermediate	(Country name)	(Date)	
		Solvent in pesticide	(Country name)	(Date)	
		Closed system site limited intermediate	(Country name) ⁹	(Date)	
Mirex CAS No: 2385-85-5	Production	As allowed for the Parties listed in the Register			
	Use	Termiticide	(Country name)	(Date)	
Toxaphene CAS No: 8001-35-2	Production	None			
	Use	None			
Polychlorinated biphenyls	Production	None			
	Use	Articles in use in accordance with the provisions of Part II of this Annex ¹⁰			

⁸ The requests for specific exemptions for the use of hexachlorobenzene as a *de minimis* contaminant in chlorothalonil and pentachlorobenzene are not included because there are no such exemptions listed in Annex A. However, these uses may be covered by note (i) to the Annex.

⁹ This request may be covered by note (iii) to Annex A.

¹⁰ Requests for such use are not included. This is in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 4, which includes the statement that the Register “shall not identify Parties that make use of the provisions in Annex A or Annex B that may be exercised by all Parties.”