

3. Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes

1. As is mentioned in the note by the Secretariat on synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes (UNEP/CHW.15/24–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/20–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/24), the conferences of the Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions requested the Secretariat to develop, taking into account lessons learned from experience with the Basel Convention, a draft form and explanatory document to enable Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions to voluntarily provide information about cases of trade occurring in contravention of those conventions, for comments by Parties. The Secretariat made available to Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions draft forms for cases of trade occurring in contravention of those conventions with an invitation to provide comments by 15 January 2020.
2. Given that the above issue is to be considered by the conferences of the Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions during their face-to-face segment in 2022, the deadline for providing comments in response to this invitation is extended to **15 November 2021**. The information submitted by Parties will be available on the Conventions' website.
3. The above-mentioned invitation is summarized below:

Topic	Document symbol	Respondents	Initial deadline	Extended/new deadline
“Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes” - draft form and explanatory document to enable Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions to voluntarily provide information about cases of trade occurring in contravention of those conventions”	Communication by the Secretariat dated 15 December 2020 ⁸	Parties	15 January 2020	15 November 2021

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⁸ See <http://www.pic.int/TheConvention/Communications/tabid/3464/language/en-US/Default.aspx> and <http://chm.pops.int/TheConvention/Communications/tabid/3391/Default.aspx>.