



ROTTERDAM CONVENTION

INTRODUCTION

International treaty designed to facilitate informed decision-making by countries with regard to trade in hazardous chemicals

Establishes a list of covered chemicals and requires parties seeking to export a chemical on list to first establish consent for import in the importing country.

Requires that a party seeking to export a chemical that is not listed under the Convention but that is subject to a ban or severe restriction in its own territory must provide notice to the importing country of the proposed export

Convention entered into force on February 24, 2004.

PRIOR INFORMED CONSENT PROCEDURE

Rotterdam Convention establishes prior informed consent ("PIC") procedure to ensure restricted hazardous chemicals are not exported to countries unwilling to receive them

PIC procedure does not ban or restrict any chemicals, nor does it mean that any individual country must automatically prohibit their import

CHEMICALS COVERED

Applies to industrial chemicals and pesticides that meet the criteria for listing under the Convention due to hazardous formulations of pesticides

Chemicals subject to the PIC procedure if included in Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention

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