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**Matters for consideration or action by the Conference
of the Parties: measures to reduce or eliminate release
from intentional production and use: specific
exemptions and related issues**

Register of specific exemptions **

Note by the Secretariat

1. Article 4 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants states, with regard to the establishment and maintenance of a register of specific exemptions, the following:

“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.¹ 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;

* UNEP/POPS/COP.1/1.

** Stockholm Convention, Article 4 and Annexes A and B; Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for an International Legally Binding Instrument for Implementing International Action on Certain Persistent Organic Pollutants on the work of its sixth session (UNEP/POPS/INC.6/22), annex I, decision INC-6/3; Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on the work of its seventh session (UNEP/POPS/INC.7/28), annex I, decision INC-7/3.

¹ Footnote added by the Secretariat: For example, polychlorinated biphenyl use in articles in use in accordance with the provisions of Part II of Annex A is automatically available to all Parties and no notification to register such use shall be made by Parties to the Secretariat.

(b) A list of the Parties that have a specific exemption listed under Annex A or Annex B; and

(c) A list of the expiry dates for each registered specific exemption.

Any State may, on becoming a Party, by means of a notification in writing to the Secretariat, register for one or more types of specific exemptions listed in Annex A or Annex B.”

2. In paragraph 1(c) of its decision INC-7/3, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for an International Legally Binding Instrument for Implementing International Action on Certain Persistent Organic Pollutants decided to submit to the Conference of the Parties for consideration and possible decision the draft format for a register of specific exemptions contained in annex III to decision INC-7/3, which is reproduced in annex I to the present note.

3. In paragraph 2 of decision INC-7/3, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee requested the Secretariat to establish a provisional register following the format referred to in paragraph 1(c) of decision INC-7/3 until such time as a decision was taken by the Conference of the Parties on the format of the register. The provisional register was made publicly available by the Secretariat on 17 May 2004 (the date of entry into force of the Convention) by posting it on the official web site of the Convention: www.pops.int. Specific exemptions requested by Parties and received by the Secretariat have been registered in the provisional format of the register.

4. In order to facilitate the notification of requests for specific exemptions by Parties, the Secretariat developed the provisional form contained in annex II to the present note.

Possible action by the Conference of the Parties

5. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the draft format for the register of specific exemptions contained in annex I to the present note and decide on its adoption with any amendments.

6. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the draft form for specific exemption registration contained in annex II to the present note and advise the Secretariat accordingly.

Annex I

Draft format of the register of specific exemptions

Chemical	Activity	Specific exemption	Party	Expiry date	Remarks ²
Aldrin CAS No: 309-00-2	Use	Local ectoparasiticide	<i>(Country name)</i>	<i>(Date)</i>	
		Insecticide	<i>(Country name)</i>	<i>(Date)</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>	
		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>	
	Use	Production of dicofol	<i>(Country name)</i>	<i>(Date)</i>	
			<i>(Country name)</i>	<i>(Date)</i>	
		Intermediate	<i>(Country name)</i>	<i>(Date)</i>	
Dieldrin CAS No: 60-57-1	Use	In agricultural operations	<i>(Country name)</i>	<i>(Date)</i>	

² The remarks column may be used to specify the reason for exemptions; further limitations in the scope of the specific exemption to be applied by the Party (e.g. area, timing and techniques of applications as well as target organisms in the case of pesticides); expected emissions from production; whether intermediates are to be further processed on or off-site; degree of purity of the chemical with type of impurities; and estimated quantity required per year. The number of extensions to the specific exemption that have been granted to a particular Party.

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	Remarks ²
Heptachlor CAS No: 76-44-8	Use	Termiticide	(Country name)	(Date)	
		Termiticide in structures of houses	(Country name)	(Date)	
		Wood treatment	(Country name)	(Date)	
		In use in underground cable boxes	(Country name)	(Date)	
Hexachloro- benzene CAS No: 118-74-1	Production	As allowed for the Parties listed in the Register	(Country name)	(Date)	
	Use	Intermediate	(Country name)	(Date)	
		Solvent in pesticide	(Country name)	(Date)	
		Closed system site limited intermediate ⁴	(Country name)	(Date)	
Mirex CAS No: 2385-85-5	Production	As allowed for the Parties listed in the Register	(Country name)	(Date)	
	Use	Termiticide	(Country name)	(Date)	

⁴ This request may be covered by note (iii) to Annex A.

Annex II



Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants



**DRAFT FORM
SPECIFIC EXEMPTION REGISTRATION**

PARTY (Country name):

NOTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION OF A SPECIFIC EXEMPTION

Herewith, the Secretariat for the Stockholm Convention is notified of the registration for the following specific exemption pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article 4 of the Convention (note: additional specific exemptions will require completing additional separate forms):

Chemical name:	
Activity (check one)	_____ production _____ use
Specific exemption (see Annex A and Annex B of the Convention)	
Expiry date (see paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Convention)	
Remarks (The remarks column may be used to specify the reason for exemptions; further limitations in the scope of the specific exemption to be applied by the Party (e.g. area, timing and techniques of applications as well as target organisms in the case of pesticides); expected emissions from production; whether intermediates are to be further processed on or off-site; degree of purity of the chemical with type of impurities; and estimated quantity required per year)	
THIS NOTIFICATION OF HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY:	
Name:	
Institution/Department	
Address	
Telephone	
Telefax	
E-mail address	
Date and signature:	

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

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