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**Consideration of chemicals proposed for inclusion
in Annexes A, B or C of the Convention**

**Status of chemicals under consideration in other international
forums**

Note by the Secretariat

The annex to the present note contains, for information, a table presenting an overview of the status in selected international forums of the chemicals proposed for consideration by the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee at its first meeting.

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Annex

Chemical	Rotterdam Convention ¹	POPs Protocol to LRTAP	OSPAR	HELCOM	PRTR Protocol	IPCS	OECD
Chlordecone	Reviewed at CRC-1. Not recommended for listing in Annex III to the Convention at the current time as not all the criteria in Annex II of the Convention were met in the proposal (UNEP/FAO/RC/CoP.2/8, paras. 44–45)	Listed in Annex I: Substances scheduled for elimination	Included in list of substances of possible concern	Listed in Annex I (“Harmful Substances”) to the Helsinki Convention. Parties shall endeavour to minimize and, whenever possible, ban the use of chlordecone.	Listed in Annex II, number 29	HSG 41, 1990; EHC 43, 1984; ICSC 1432	-
Hexabromobiphenyl	Listed in Annex III: Subject to the prior informed consent procedure in international trade.	Listed in Annex I: Substances scheduled for elimination	Included in list of chemicals for priority action	Listed for immediate priority action under recommendation 19/5, 1998	-	HSG 83, 1993; EHC 152, 1994	-
Lindane	Listed in Annex III: Subject to the prior informed consent procedure in international trade.	Listed in Annex II: Substances listed for restrictions on use	Included in list of substances of possible concern	Listed for immediate priority action under recommendation 19/5, 1998	Listed in Annex II as number 45	HSG 54, 1991; EHC 124, 1991; ICSC 0053, 1994	On the 2004 list of high production volume chemicals
Pentabromodiphenyl ether (PBDE)	-	Being considered under Protocol procedures for inclusion	Included in list of chemicals for priority action	-	Listed in Annex II as number 63	EHC 162, 1994; EHC 192, 1997	-
Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS)	-	Being considered under Protocol procedures for inclusion	Included in list of substances of possible concern	-	-	EHC 192, 1997	Hazard assessment, 2002

Note: In addition, the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues in 2003 prepared a pesticide residue data report on lindane (available at www.fao.org/ag/agp/agpp/Pesticid-search-for-Lindane)

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A list of the acronyms and abbreviations used in the present table is set out on the following page.

List of abbreviations and acronyms

CRC-1	First meeting of the Rotterdam Convention Chemical Review Committee (subsidiary body under the Rotterdam Convention)
EHC	Environmental Health Criteria
Helsinki Convention	Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area
HELCOM	Helsinki Commission (Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission). HELCOM is the governing body of the Helsinki Convention (www.helcom.fi)
HSG	Health and Safety Guide
ICSC	International Chemical Safety Card
IPCS	International Programme on Chemical Safety (www.who.int/ipcs/en/)
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (www.oecd.org)
OSPAR	Commission for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (www.ospar.org)
POPs Protocol to LRTAP	1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (www.unece.org/env/lrtap/pops_h1.htm)
PRTR Protocol	2003 Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer registers to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (www.unece.org/env/pp/prtr/docs/PRTR%20Protocol%20English.pdf)
Rotterdam Convention	Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (www.pic.int)