

Rotterdam Convention

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The Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent (PIC) regulates the information policy regarding import and export of certain pesticides between countries. Countries receive information of a planned import a priori and can reject it. They can also generally reject the import of certain substances. Industrial chemical, pesticides, but also formulations that cause severe health or environmental effects and which are banned on at least two countries in two regions can become regulated under the Rotterdam Convention. Paraquat fulfills the criteria for chemicals under the PIC Procedure and [Burkina Faso has notified a specific Paraquat formulation for the inclusion in the Rotterdam Convention](#). The Chemical Review Committee had justified the notification of Paraquat. However, in the Conference of the Parties (COP 2013) two countries, out of 120, made the final approval fail: [India and Guatemala](#).