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Cc: s. 47F(1) ; s. 47F(1) Burgess, Rachel; Lynch, Kate
Subject: RE: Swiss Rotterdam proposal [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)} – sounds like a plan! Let's meet in the second week of October to discuss further.

Cheers,

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Hi ^{s. 47F(1)} if we can do prior to the COP that would be ideal. Gives us a chance to talk it over and all be on same page (potentially even craft the article text too).

Happy to meet when you get back.

Regards

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Hi ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)},

Thanks so much for your email and for your support. Yes, the OECD is treating me well, thanks! It's been a very interesting and full week. Last day of meetings commences shortly!

I think I understand where you're coming from with your proposed amendment outlined in your email (I haven't had a chance to go through your edits in the attached yet). As the Swiss deadline for feedback has passed, I think we might be best off introducing your proposed amendment/s to the proposal post-submission. As I understand it, there will be opportunities to do this prior to COP.

Let me know if you want to talk it over... noting I'll be in the OECD meeting all day, but I'll keep an eye on emails.

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Hi s. 47F(1)

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Hope OECD is treating you well.

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Subject: RE: s 11C(1)(b) and Rotterdam [SEC=OFFICIAL]

That sounds like a pretty good outcome s. 47F(1)

s 11C(1)(a) so it is possible he went home for the holiday period.

I don't understand the 'regional perspective' comment from them, but it may be alluding to the difference in view between s 11C(1)(b) and s 11C(1)(b)

Chat when I am back. In the mean time s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and s. 22(1)(a)(i) will be more than able to support you on the pesticide front.

Cheers

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for the phone chat this afternoon, it was very helpful as always. I'll relay our discussion on the SAICM targets to s. 22(1)(a)(ii), s. 22(1)(a)(i), and my team, when we meet tomorrow.

As promised, here is a quick back-brief on Rachel's meeting with s 11C(1)(b) today.

- Rachel met with s 11C(1)(a) and s 11C(1)(a). It's not entirely clear to me whether they're from s 11C(1)(b) or s 11C(1)(b) as she said s 11C(1)(a) was dialling-in from s 11C(1)(a) whereas s 11C(1)(a) is based in s 11C(1)(a). Perhaps you/ s. 22(1)(a)(ii) can shed some light?
- The discussion was generally positive, but it was pretty high-level and Rachel anticipates there will be follow-up discussion/s.
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Best wishes for your time off.

Cheers,

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I will try to call you shortly once I am off the meeting call I am currently in. Fully understand the back to back meeting thing. Its killer in terms of actual productive work

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sorry for the delayed reply – I've been in back-to-back meetings all day!

Rachel was meeting with s^{11C(1)(b)} this afternoon at 2:30 I think, but I haven't received a back-brief yet. Thank you so much for the background you prepared last week – this has come in handy for a couple of purposes now and is very much appreciated.

I only just found out from s. 47F(1) that you're about to go on leave for a month! If you want to chat about anything before you go, please let me know – happy to make myself available this afternoon/evening. I was thinking we'd be catching up with you in the next day or two, so you've scuttled my plans! 😊

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Hi s. 47F(1), I prepared some background for your AS last week on a meeting with s 11C(1) wondering if you had any feedback on their views.

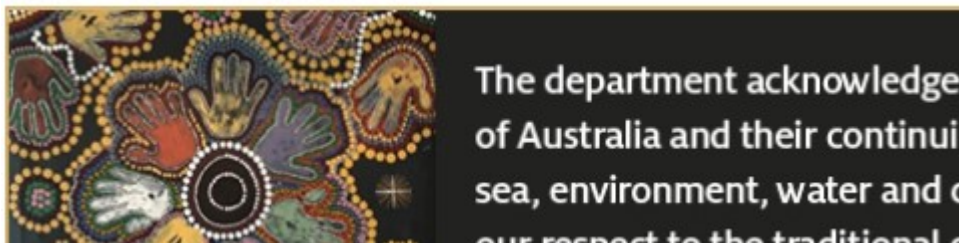
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Hello all, I hope the COP is proceeding as well as it can.

See chain below from ^{s 11C(1)(b)}

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Good evening ^{s 11C(1)(a)}

the position expressed by the Australian delegation and the BRS COP, in cooperation with other nations including Switzerland, to amend the Rotterdam Convention through the inclusion of an Annex VIII is a whole of government position. As such the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry supports the Department of Climate Change Energy, the Environment and Water in their efforts to deliver on the government's agenda. In finalising the whole of government position DAFF and DCCEEW have consulted on multiple occasions in the last year, and routinely engage with each other on the Rotterdam convention more generally. As part of discussions the technical expertise of the APVMA, and other areas of DCCEEW and DAFF is utilised.

If there is a specific matter you would like to explore further I am happy to discuss with you next week (I am on leave tomorrow).

Regards

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Good afternoon, s 11C(1)(a)

We are watching the outcomes from the B/R/S COP, with particular interest in the Australian-sponsored proposal to amend the Rotterdam Convention and create Annex VIII.

Would you be willing to share with us when the Agvet Chemicals and Forestry Branch were consulted in the development of the proposal and amendments, and whether the amendments as presented are supported by Agvet Chemical, Fisheries, Forestry and Engagement?

Thank you in advance

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Subject: RE: DAFF engagement with Rotterdam Convention [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Hello s 11C(1)(a)

Discussions on the effectiveness of Rotterdam Convention and opportunities for improvements have been ongoing for a number of years. I would direct you to DCCEEW, as the lead agency and head of delegation for information about the establishment of an Australian position and the consultation that was undertaken. DCCEEW is also best placed to advise on when the recent amendment supported by Australia came into its current form, and any earlier models (I believe the Swiss were leading a group in this direction several years ago).

DAFF and DCCEEW routinely discuss the operation of the convention, measures and papers that are being considered (either at review committees or conference of the parties) as part of establishing an Australian position. Many of these would have included the operations of the convention, and efforts to improve it.

Again DCCEEW is best placed to answer questions on consultations or impact analyses. I believe you met with s 11C(1)(a) and Ms Rachel Burgess (head of Australian delegation) prior to the Australian delegation heading to the conference of parties. I would expect that the meeting provided s 11C(1)(a) ad Ms Burgess the opportunity to fully understand s 11C(1)(b) position.

For clarity the PIC procedure is more than information sharing (though this is a key goal of the convention proper). The PIC procedure supports (and in many instances provides) control of nation's border to the government of that nation. Developing nations and economies in transition can, and do, rely on the prior informed consent arrangements for substances listed in Annex III to make sovereign decisions on justified reasons for a substance being introduced.

Regards

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Good afternoon, s 11C(1)(a); thank you for the insights here. Appreciated.

Further to the topic of consultation, while we understand that this is a whole-of-government position, we would like to know when DCCEW consulted with DAFF on the development of the proposal. Again, understanding the policy objectives of these proposals, can you share what feedback was given to DCCEW on the mechanisms?

We are also led to believe that that no consultation with non-government stakeholders was undertaken. Could you please confirm this is the case?

Lastly, had there been any analysis undertaken on the issue of potential trade and market impacts? While the intent of a listing on Annex III (And potentially VIII) is limited to the PIC procedure of sharing information, we can agree that the real-world implications are somewhat more nuanced.

Thank you in advance

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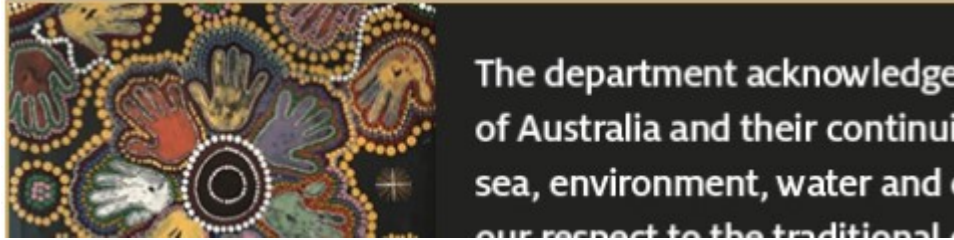
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Thanks s. 47F(1)

After 3pm on Tuesday the 21st would work best.

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for your comment.

s 22(1)(a)(ii) I reckon it would be good to have our meeting early next week when she comes back. Her calendar is open after 4 pm on Monday 20th and after 3 pm Tuesday 21st. Can you please let me know your preferred time slot? I will set up a meeting accordingly.

Cheers

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Thanks s. 47F(1)

Only one minor comment in the attached. We would be interested in meeting prior to the IDC to discuss the CoP items.

Kind regards,

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Hi ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)} and ^{s. 22(1)(a)(i)}

You have recently received an invitation and draft agenda for the International Chemicals and Waste IDC meeting, to be held on Wednesday, 22 March 2023. The meeting is to discuss preparations for Australia's representation at the upcoming Conferences of the Parties (COPs) of the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions, 1-12 May, Geneva.

To inform the discussion at the IDC meeting, we have prepared two agenda papers (attached), outlining Australia's proposed positions on the key items that will be considered at the Rotterdam Convention and Stockholm Convention COPs. The Waste Regulation and Stewardship Branch in our department, which coordinates work with respect to the Basel Convention, is separately preparing a paper and will consult as they see appropriate.

We are seeking your views on the key items and proposed positions, ahead of circulating these papers to the broader IDC group. Could you please review the attached papers and provide any comments to the email address chemicals@dceew.gov.au by **14 March 2023**. We plan to circulate the papers to the IDC participants at least one week before the meeting.

We anticipate the following COP items are of interest and relevance to your agency:

Rotterdam COP11

- The proposal to add a new annex (Annex VIII) to facilitate the listing of chemicals that have been blocked at previous COPs
- The listing of two new pesticides: iprodione and terbufos
- The listing of four pesticides deferred from previous COPs: acetochlor, carbosulfan, fenthion, paraquat dichloride (the listing of the industrial chemical chrysotile asbestos will also be reconsidered)

Stockholm COP11

- The listing of the pesticide methoxychlor

Please let us know if you want to meet with us, prior to the IDC, to gain an update on Australia's role and undertakings in relation to advocating for the Rotterdam amendment proposal, and discuss any issues of concern you may have around the Australia's proposed negotiating positions on the key COP items.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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IDC AGENDA ITEM: 4

INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS AND WASTE CONVENTIONS

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE (IDC) MEETING

10.00 am-11:30 am, 22 March 2023

ROTTERDAM CONVENTION ON THE PRIOR INFORMED CONSENT PROCEDURE FOR CERTAIN
HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS AND PESTICIDES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE
(ROTTERDAM CONVENTION)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Key points

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

- Australia has co-sponsored a proposal, led by Switzerland, to amend the Rotterdam Convention, to provide a pathway for listing chemicals that have been blocked from listing by a handful of Parties with special interests. [s 33\(a\)\(iii\)](#)

The amendment proposal was communicated to all Parties in October 2022 and will be considered by the COP in May.

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Rotterdam amendment proposal (COP Agenda 5(c)):

- The COP will consider a proposal, led by Switzerland and co-sponsored by Australia and seven other Parties, to facilitate the listing of chemicals that have been blocked from listing despite having met the listing criteria.
- Five chemicals, including chrysotile asbestos and four pesticides, have been consistently blocked from listing in Annex III of the Convention, despite being recommended for listing by the Convention's technical review committee, the Chemical Review Committee (CRC). [s 33\(a\)\(iii\)](#)

This is significantly hampering efforts of countries to manage the risks of these chemicals and undermining the effectiveness of the Convention.

- DCCEEW is currently engaging with like-minded Parties and Parties in the region to build support for the proposal. We have developed communications materials, in cooperation with Switzerland, including an explanatory brochure and video (at [Attachment C](#)).

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

- Australia has actively supported the listing of chrysotile asbestos in Annex III at every COP meeting since 2006. Australia is a co-sponsor to the proposal at COP11 to amend the text of the Convention by the addition of Annex VIII that will enable the listing of chemicals by either consensus or a three-fourths majority vote.

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Hi s. 47F(1)

I am available for all slots.

Thanks,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi s. 47F(1) I am off from this afternoon for a month. But I believe s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (who is covering for me) will be available in one of those slots. Both are cc'd to this email.

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Hope you've had a good start in the new year!

s. 47F(1) has asked me to schedule a catch up with you to provide some update on the Rotterdam Convention amendment proposal for the creation of a new Annex (VIII).

Below are her available time slots (Thursday/tomorrow is preferred if possible).

Thursday 19 Jan - 11 am -12 pm; 4-5 pm

Friday 20 Jan: 1-2 pm; 3-4 pm

Could you please let me know which slot suit you well; otherwise, suggest with alternatives? A meeting invite will follow. Any other colleagues from your team need to be included?

Regards

s. 47F(1)

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^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)} I'll leave it to ^{s. 47F(1)} to respond. He's in middle of discussion with ^{s. 47F(1)} at moment, so might be slight delay. But he's seen your email. Cheers ^{s. 47F(1)} 🙏 😊

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Hello again,

Further to the below, if you have any input you would like to add could you send it directly to **s. 47F(1)** [@dfat.gov.au](mailto:dfat.gov.au) (cc'd).

Thanks,

^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)}

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Hello ^{s. 47F(1)} and s. 47F(1)

During our discussion just before, coincidentally we received a request for information regarding the proposed amendment to the Rotterdam Convention from our Trade and Market Access area. This is to inform the Minister for Trade and Tourism, Don Farrell, imminent diplomatic trip to China and has a tight turn-around unfortunately.

I have attached my response to the request in the email chain below. However as the leading agency for engagement with the Rotterdam Convention, I am passing onto you for any further or other input, you would like to provide.

If you'd like more context please reach out to:

- s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @aff.gov.au, or
- s. 47F(1) @dfat.gov.au

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(i)

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Subject: RE: Seeking advice for Trade and Tourism Minister around Rotterdam Convention [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Hello ^{s. 22(1)(a)(ii)}

The amendment to the Rotterdam Convention is currently being discussed at its Conference of Parties (CoP), it has also been discussed in the lead up to the CoP. Today is the final day of the CoP but I understand a decision has not yet been made regarding the proposed amendment.

The Chemicals Management Branch at DCCEEW leads Australia's engagement with the Convention and is currently attending the CoP in Switzerland. I will forward on this email chain to our colleagues at DCCEEW for any input they may have.

Note that the proposed amendment, and associated Annex VIII, would not remove the prior informed consent requirement of Annex III.

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However listing – and subsequent implementation of the prior informed consent mechanism – in and of itself is not a barrier to export where importing countries consent. Impacts for Australia from the proposed amendment are expected to be low.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(i)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Dear s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Would you be the right area to provide advice to DFAT colleagues (copied) on the Rotterdam Convention as per the request below? Note their urgent deadline of **4:30pm today**.

Many thanks,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Dear s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for talking to me on the phone and offering to send this to the right person/area.

Minister for Trade and Tourism, Don Farrell, is in China and his office is seeking advice on an issue related to the Rotterdam Convention.

We understand there is a proposal that would create a parallel listing to Annex III through creating Annex VIII. The new annex will remove the prior informed consensus requirements of Annex III.

Given the Rotterdam Convention COP is currently underway, grateful for any insights you can share on this issue, in particular:

- Has the new Annex been discussed/approved?

- Does China have concerns about this?

As Minister Farrell is going to leave China tomorrow, appreciate any advice by **4:30pm today**. Happy to discuss further.

And apologies if this does not fall within your responsibilities (if so grateful for a steer on who to contact).

Kind regards

s. 47F(1)

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Subject: RE: Rotterdam effectiveness: Updated paper [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s. 47F(1)

Sorry for the delay in responding.

On the questions presented in the discussion paper my responses are below in red.

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Happy to discuss as needed

Cheers

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Subject: FW: Rotterdam effectiveness: Updated paper [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

Hi all,

With my very sincere apologies for the lateness in forwarding this to you, please find attached the latest draft of the proposal for amendments to the Rotterdam Convention to enable listing of chemicals previously blocked by some Parties.

Switzerland has convened a meeting of the small group of likemindeds **tomorrow evening at 9:30pm.**

This attached proposal was developed by s 47F(1) commissioned by the Swiss Government. At our last meeting of likeminded Parties, led by Switzerland, we talked through 6 options put forward by s 47F(1) and we whittled them down to the 2 options in the attached proposal. I think the meeting tomorrow evening will be less focused on the wording of the proposal and perhaps more focused on a strategy for socialising this proposal with a wider group of Parties... but to be honest, I'm not entirely sure how the discussion will go, as it's quite an unusual mix of countries!

I know I've given you very little time to review this, but if you have any comments on it before COB tomorrow, I'm very happy to receive them with a view to providing our feedback either in the meeting (if we go down that path), or in writing later. If you can't get back to me by COB tomorrow but think you will want to make substantive comments, I am also happy to buy us some more time and advise we'll come back with written comments shortly.

Cheers,

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Optional Attendees: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks ^{s. 47F(1)}

Talk to you in a couple hours!

Thanks,
^{s. 22(1)(a)(i)}

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Sure thing ^{s. 22(1)(a)(i)} – feel free to shoot me an appointment. I’m available between 11:30 and 2:30 – probably 1:30ish would be best as ^{s. 47F(1)} can also attend.

In summary the situation remains ‘fluid’, but I’ll fill you in on more details over Teams.

Cheers,
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Hi s. 47F(1)

When you have some time to spare, we were hoping we might get a quick overview from you on any developments from the Triple CoP that is just finishing up, specifically any updates regarding the amendment to the Rotterdam Convention? Happy to schedule some time or just talk over email, whatever’s easiest.

Thanks,
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