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**Publications**

## Environmentally Sound Management of Chemicals

A primary goal of the UNEP Chemicals is to assist countries and others responsible for chemicals management in ensuring environmentally sound production, use, and disposal practices.

To accomplish this aim and so protect human health and the environment, UNEP Chemicals publishes a wide range of publications on the environmentally sound management of chemicals. They are available free of charge. Some are available in hard copy and on Internet ([www.chem.unep.ch](http://www.chem.unep.ch), [www.chem.unep.ch/pops](http://www.chem.unep.ch/pops), [www.pic.int](http://www.pic.int)).

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## Recent Publications

### Country Case Studies on Persistent Organics Pollutants

Generated from fact-finding case studies by a number of national agencies on the problem of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) in their countries. The document provides useful background information for government experts participating in the POPs treaty negotiations, and also sheds light on global characterization of POPs. Available in hard copy (English) and on Internet (March 2000).

### Master List of Actions on the Reduction and/or Elimination of the Releases of POPs (Second Edition)

Presents actions to reduce and/or eliminate POPs. It is intended to foster co-ordination and co-operation between and among activities at the national, regional, and international levels in countries and organisations, thereby helping to avoid duplication and ensure efficient use of resources. Available in hard copy (English), March 2000.

### International Activities Related to Chemicals

Surveys the roles and responsibilities of chemicals-related legal instruments and international organisations. It includes information on the mandates involved, major provisions or activities, decision-making bodies, related agreements and activities, administration, and contact information. Available in hard copy (English) and on Internet (December 1999).

### Inventory of Information Sources on Chemicals -- POPs

Provides a detailed bibliographic tool on sources of information on POPs from international organisations and 33 countries. Topics covered include risk assessment, source, exposure and environmental fate, toxicology and health, waste management, and international environmental conventions and pro-



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grammes. Available in hard copy (English) and on Internet (November 1999).

### National and Dioxin and Furan Inventories – Regional Emissions of PCDD/PCDF

Gives a snapshot of available information on releases to the environment of dioxins and furans, unintended but toxic by-products of many industrial and combustion processes. Available in hard copy (English, French, and Spanish), May 1999 and on Internet.

### Video News Release **INC-4 – The Toxic 12 and Beyond**

This video highlights the need for a global treaty to deal with persistent organic pollutants, or POPs, in the context of the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee in Bonn in March 2000. Available (English) in PAL, NTSC, and SECAM.

# Persistent Organic Pollutants

Reports of the Third and Fourth Sessions of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for an International Legally Binding Instrument for Implementing International Action on Certain Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)

Available in hard copy (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish), September 1999 and March 2000, respectively.\*

Report of the Second Session of the Criteria Expert Group on POPs.

Available in hard copy (English, French, and Spanish), June 1999.\*

Press Coverage: 3rd Round of Talks on Treaty on POPs

Compiles press items on the third session of negotiations on of POPS treaty, Geneva, September 1999. Available in hard copy (English), November 1999.

POPs Homepage Sheet

Available in hard copy (English), March 2000.

Status Report on POPs

Summarises UNEP-facilitated work on POPs, including progress of negotiations on a global treaty, the POPs Club financing mechanism, and immediate actions initiated in advance of a convention. Available in hard copy (English), September 1999.\*

Information Sheet on Dioxins

Describes key policy, health, and control issues. Available in hard copy (English) and on Internet, July 1999.\*

Regulatory Actions and Guidelines Concerning POPs

Covers national and international regulatory actions and guidelines on control measures for use, release, and residues of POPs as well as manufacture, importation, and transport. Available in hard copy (English), June 1998.\*

Overview of Outcomes from POPs Awareness Raising Workshops – Working Groups

Presents overview and summaries of national discussion papers from regional and sub-regional workshops on POPs, conducted by UNEP Chemicals and the Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety. Available in hard copy (English), June 1998.\*

Workshop Proceedings on POPs (1997-1998)

- New Independent States (former USSR), (English, Russian)
- Asia and the Pacific, (English)
- West and Northwest Africa, (English, French)
- Central America and the Caribbean,

(English, Spanish)

- Anglophone Africa, (English)
- South America, (English, Spanish)
- Central and Eastern Europe, (English) and
- West Asia, (English)

Proceedings of the Regional Workshop on the Management of Persistent Organic Pollutants – Hanoi, March 1999

Available in hard copy (English), September 1999.

Proceedings of the Sub-regional Meeting on National Strategy and Action Plan for Reducing/Eliminating POPs Releases – Moscow, July 1998

Available in hard copy (Russian and English).

Proceedings of the Sub-regional Expert Meeting on Technologies for Treatment/ Destruction of PCBs and Obsolete Pesticides -- Moscow, July 1998

Available in hard copy (Russian and English).

Survey Global on POPs -- Phase I

Available only on Internet, September 1999.

Guidelines for the Identification of PCBs and Materials Containing PCBs

Available in hard copy (English and French) and on Internet (August 1999).\*

Inventory of World-wide PCB Destruction Capacity

Available in hard copy (English, French, and Spanish) and on Internet (December 1998).\*

Brochure on Persistent Organic Pollutants

Available in hard copy (English, French, Russian, and Spanish), 1997.

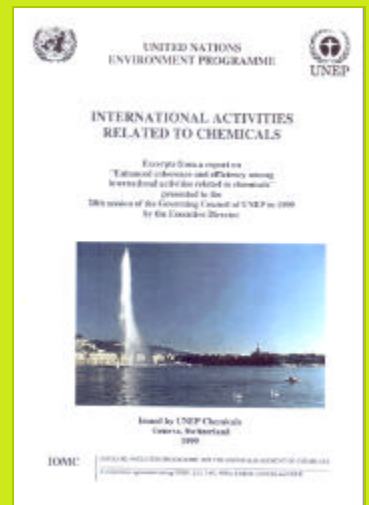
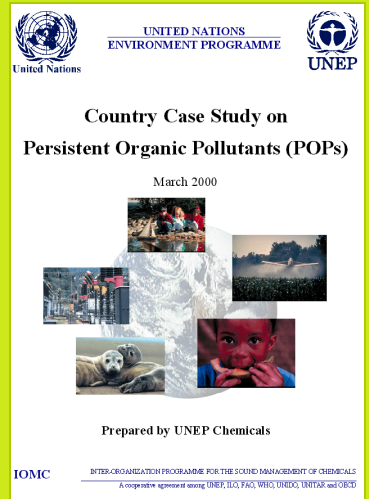
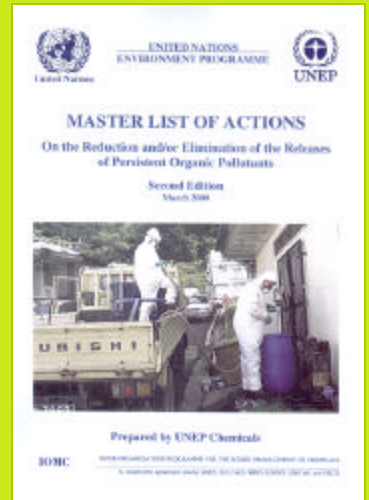
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## Coming Soon

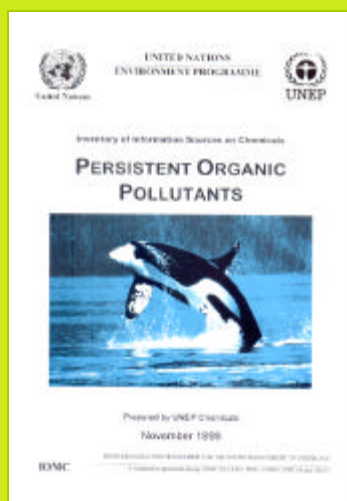
UNEP CD-ROM on Chemicals Information

Proceedings of UNEP/FAO/WHO-supported Workshop on Sustainable Approaches for Pest and Vector Management and Opportunities for Replacing POPs Pesticides – Bangkok, March 2000

Proceedings of Workshop on POPs Management for SADC Region – Lusaka, Zambia, February 2000



## Information Exchange/Capacity Building



### Chemical Risk Assessment: Training Module No. 3

Covers human, environmental, and ecological risk assessment. It was developed by UNEP and the International Programme on Chemical Safety. Available in hard copy (English), 1999.

### OECD Screening Information Data Sets Volume 5, Parts 1 and 2

Brings the total published of the Screening Information Data Sets (SIDs) for High Production Volume Chemicals to five volumes in 10 parts (November 1998). The series is developed by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development and published by UNEP Chemicals. Available in hard copy (English) and on Internet

### Lead at the Pump -- Global Opportunities for Reducing Use of Leaded Gasoline

Discusses the urgent need to reduce lead in gasoline, especially in developing countries. Issued by UNEP and partner organizations. Available in hard copy (English) and on Internet, September 1998.

### UNEP-UNICEF Childhood Lead Poisoning: Information for Advocacy and Action

Available in hard copy (English, French, and Spanish), 1997.

### UNEP Chemicals Programme Profile

Available in hard copy (English) August 1999 and on Internet.

### UNEP Chemicals Folder

Includes information sheets on UNEP Chemicals activities. Available in hard copy (English), 1999.

### Legislating Chemicals -- An Overview

Provides guidance document for legal and technical experts responsible for development of national legislation on chemicals management, especially in developing countries. Available in hard copy (English), July 1995.

### Code of Ethics on the International Trade in Chemicals

Provides guidance for private sector parties to complement international legal instruments and industry codes on chemicals management. Available in hard copy (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish), 1994.

### UNEP/IRPTC Legal File

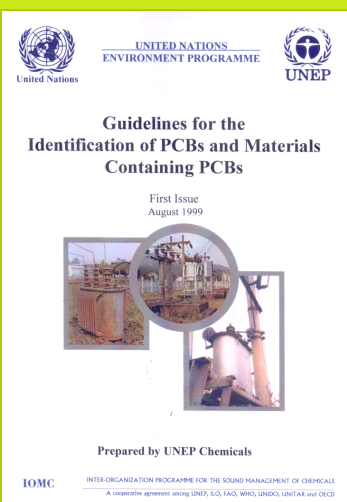
Database on regulations and guidelines on chemicals, regularly updated, available (English) on Internet.

Hard-copy extracts available:

**Legal File 1992-93** – abstracts on approximately 800 chemicals

**Legal File 1994-95** – extract on pesticides

**Legal File 1994** – extract on international environmental guidelines and global conventions



## Other Selected Publications

### Regionally Based Assessment of Persistent Toxic Substances – Workshop Reports from a Global Environment Facility Project

Available in hard copy (English) and on Internet, September 1999.

### Regionally Based Assessment of Persistent Toxic Substances--Project Brief

Available in hard copy (English) and on Internet, March 2000.

### Assessing National Management Needs on Persistent Toxic Substances--Final PDF-B Project Brief

Available in hard copy (English) and on Internet, October 1999.

### UNEP Chemicals Newsletter

Vol. 3, Nos. 1, 2, and 3 -- January, June and September 1999, respectively, and Vol. 4 No. 1, March 2000. Available in hard copy (English) and on Internet.

### UNEP/FAO Global IPM Facility -- Workshop

### Report on Termite Biology and Management

Available in hard copy (English), March 2000.

### Report of UNEP/OECD Workshop on Notification and Assessment of New Industrial Chemicals

Available in English, September 1999.

### Report of the Sub-regional Workshop for New Chemicals Notification System

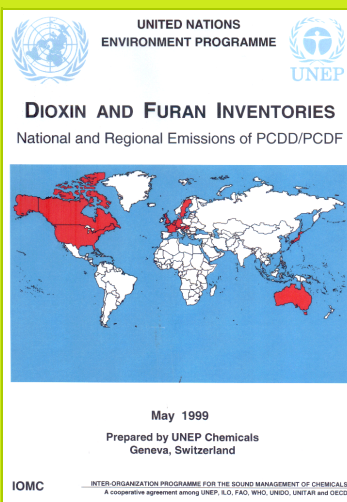
Available in English, March 1999.

### International Workshop on Endocrine Disruptors – Report

Available in hard copy (English) and on Internet, 1998.\*

### Inventory of Critical Reviews on Chemicals

Available in hard copy (English), 1996.





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## Rotterdam Convention

### The Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, Text and Annexes

Available in hard copy (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish) and on Internet.\*

### Report of the First Session of the Interim Chemical Review Committee, Geneva, February 2000

Available in hard copy (English, French, and Spanish) and on Internet.\*

### Report of the Sixth Session of the Intergovernmental Review Committee, Rome, July 1999

Available in hard copy (English, French, Arabic, Chinese, Russian, and Spanish) and on Internet.\*

### Proceedings of the Sub-regional Awareness Raising Workshop on the Rotterdam Convention, Bangkok, December 1998

Available in hard copy (English) and on Internet.\*

### Final Act of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, Rotterdam, September 1998

Available in hard copy (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish) and on Internet.\*

### Decision Guidance Documents

Available in hard copy (English, French, and

Spanish), for 21 Pesticides and 5 Industrial Chemicals (1996-1999) and on Internet.\*

\* *These documents are available on Internet ([www.pic.int](http://www.pic.int)).*



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## Databases Maintained

- UNEP/IRPTC Database, PC version 2.0 (1996), 10 diskettes and Instruction Manual (100,000 records on safety data on more than 9,000 chemicals).
- POPs Alternatives Reference Database Expert System (Internet version, May 1998; Windows version, December 1998).
- Internet-based UNEP/IRPTC Legal File (1998-99).

## UNEP Chemicals Online

Information on environmentally sound management of chemicals is available on the following Web sites:

UNEP Chemicals: [www.chem.unep.ch/](http://www.chem.unep.ch/)

Rotterdam Convention: [www.pic.int](http://www.pic.int)

Persistent Organic Pollutant (POPs): [www.chem.unep.ch/pops](http://www.chem.unep.ch/pops)

Code of Ethics on the International Trade in Chemicals: [www.chem.unep.ch/ethics](http://www.chem.unep.ch/ethics)

Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR): [www.chem.unep.ch/prtr](http://www.chem.unep.ch/prtr)