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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the submission, on behalf of the European Union, of a proposal for the listing of an additional chemical in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants  
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**Consultation deadline for Croatia: 19.4.2013**

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**COUNCIL DECISION**

**of ...**

**on the submission, on behalf of the European Union,  
of a proposal for the listing of an additional chemical  
in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 192(1), in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) On 14 October 2004, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants ("the Convention") was approved, on behalf of the European Community, by Council Decision 2006/507/EC<sup>1</sup>.
- (2) As a party to the Convention, the Union may propose amendments to the Annexes to the Convention. Annex A to the Convention lists persistent organic pollutants (POPs) to be eliminated.
- (3) According to available scientific information and review reports as well as taking due account of the screening criteria laid down in Annex D to the Convention, dicofol exhibits characteristics of a POP.
- (4) Dicofol was nominated by the Union as a potential POP under the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution. Furthermore, according to the preliminary assessment by the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee, undertaken in the context of identification of alternatives to endosulfan, dicofol meets the screening criteria laid down in Annex D to the Convention.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 209, 31.7.2006, p. 1.

- (5) The placing on the market and use of dicofol has already ceased in the Union. However, it cannot be excluded that the substance is still produced, used or to a significant extent unintentionally emitted, in third countries.
- (6) Due to the potential for long-range environmental transport of dicofol, the measures taken at national or Union level are not sufficient to safeguard the high level of protection of the environment and human health. Therefore wider international action is necessary.
- (7) The Union should therefore submit a proposal to the Secretariat of the Convention for the listing of dicofol in Annex A to the Convention,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

1. The Union shall submit a proposal for the listing of dicofol (CAS number: 115-32-2) in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.
2. The Commission shall communicate the proposal on behalf of the Union to the Secretariat of the Convention including the information required under Annex D to the Convention.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

Done at ...,

*For the Council*

*The President*

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