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**Australian Government Department of Home Affairs**

**Amendments to the *Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958* – Schedule 2 Rotterdam Convention chemicals**

# Two new chemicals added

With effect from 30 June 2018, two pesticide chemicals, carbofuran and trichlorfon, have been added to the list of prohibited chemicals in Schedule 2 of the *Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958* (the PE Regulations).

Under Regulation 4A of the PE Regulations, chemicals listed in Schedule 2 are prohibited exports from Australia, unless permission has been granted by the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources or an authorised officer from the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR), under the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Regulations 1995* (the AVCA Regulations).

These amendments give effect to the listing of these chemicals in an amendment to Annex III of the *Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade* (the Convention). The convention applies to banned or severely restricted chemicals and severely hazardous pesticides.

Australia ratified the Convention on 20 May 2004 and the present amendment is a minor treaty action for Australia, which was endorsed by the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties on 26 March 2018.

Amendments were also made to the AVCA Regulations to add these two chemicals as controlled chemicals as per the Convention.

These amendments ensure that Australia meets its obligations under the Convention to comply with the import decisions of other participating parties.

# Other minor amendments to Schedule 2 of the PE Regulations

These other amendments include the creation of **Part 1—Chemicals** and **Part 2—Mixture or preparation containing chemicals** to Schedule 2 of the PE Regulations. The two parts provide a distinction between chemicals in pure form and chemicals listed as a component of a mixture or preparation in varying levels of concentration.

For further information on applying for permission to export chemicals that are controlled under Schedule 2 of the PE Regulations or the AVCA Regulations, please visit the [Department of Agriculture and Water](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/) [Resources](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/) website.

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