



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants: Final Legislative Amendments to Implement New Listings

Portfolio Environment

On 23 November 2020, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that on 6 July 2020, Cabinet [CAB-20-MIN-0329 refers] agreed:
 - 1.1 to prohibit the use of two new chemicals, dicofol and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds, by amending:
 - 1.1.1 Schedules 2A of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996; and
 - 1.1.2 Schedule 1 of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Prohibition Order (No 1) 2004;
 - 1.2 to add dicofol to Schedule 1 of the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines (Exemptions and Prohibited Substances) Regulations 2011; and
 - 1.3 to update Schedule 1AA of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 to include the updated text of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;
- 2 **noted** that these amendments are required to meet new international obligations under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants which come into force on 3 December 2020;
- 3 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of:
 - 3.1 the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (Schedules 1AA and 2A) Order 2020 [PCO 23198/2.0];
 - 3.2 the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Prohibition Order (No 2) 2004 Amendment Order 2020 [PCO 23257/2.0]; and
 - 3.3 the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines (Exemptions and Prohibited Substances) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2020 [PCO 23197/2.0];

- 4 **noted** that a waiver of the 28-day rule is sought:
- 4.1 so that the instruments can come into force on 3 December 2020 when the listings come into force internationally;
 - 4.2 on the grounds that due to COVID-19 restrictions and the delay of the 2020 General Election, the regulatory amendments are not able to be made more than 28 days before the listings come into force internationally;
 - 4.3 to ensure that New Zealand meets its international obligations; and
 - 4.4 to provide certainty to industry;
- 5 **agreed** to waive the 28-day rule so that the instruments can come into force on 3 December 2020.

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Secretary of the Cabinet