

# International High-level expert Conference on Chemical Safety and Rotterdam Convention: Policies and Practices in Russia

14 –15 October 2010, in Moscow



**13 October** Arrival of International participants  
19:00 Dinner with speakers

## 14 October

9.00 – 9.30

**Registration**

9.30 – 10.00

### OPENING SESSION

#### Welcome speeches:

9.30 – 9.40

**N.N.**, Ministry on Natural resources and the Environment /Ministry of Health and Social Development, Russia (tbc)

9.40 – 9.50

**Peter Kenmore**, Co-Executive Secretary of the Rotterdam Convention, FAO

10.00 – 11.00

### 1. CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT AND THE RELEVANCE OF THE ROTTERDAM CONVENTION TO RUSSIA

In this session key aspects of chemical safety in Russia will be discussed including the relevance of the international tools to Russia.

10.00 – 10.30

**Khalidya Khamidulina**, Director of The Federal State-owned Establishment of Public Health (FSEH) "Russian Register of Potentially Hazardous Chemical and Biological Substances (RRPHCBS)", the ROSPOTREBNADZOR of Russia  
Benefits and problems of the Russian accession to the Rotterdam Convention, concrete actions aimed at the early implementation of the Rotterdam Convention

10.30 – 11.00

**Donald Cooper**, Executive Co-Secretary of the Rotterdam Convention  
How Rotterdam Convention can help Russia address problems of chemical safety

11.00 – 11.30

**Coffee / tea break**

11.30 – 12.30

### 2. CHEMICALS UNDER THE ROTTERDAM CONVENTION

In this session the most controversial chemicals, which are already under the Rotterdam Convention or planned to be included will be discussed, in particular asbestos. The nature and scale of asbestos production and use in Russia and globally will be presented. Lessons learned about the economic costs of asbestos from EU countries.

#### Key Note Presentations –

#### Lessons learned from Asbestos Use in the European Union

**Fernando M. Valenzuela**, Ambassador,

Head of the Delegation of the European Union in Russia (tbc)

11.30 – 11.45

**N.N.**, Ambassador of N.N. in Russia

**Jean de Gliniasty**, Ambassador of France in Russia (tbc)

**Pedro Bartolo**, Ambassador of Portugal in Russia (tbc)

12.00 – 12.15

12.30 – 12.45

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#### Lunch break

14.00 – 14.15

**DepDG Alexander Nies**, Ministry of Environment, Germany  
Hazardous chemicals management under Rotterdam Convention in the European countries

14.15 – 14.30

**Oksana Tsitser**, Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment, Russia  
Introduction to Russian national situation regarding chemicals under the Rotterdam Convention

14.30 – 15.00

**Victor Ivanov**, Russian Chrysotile Association, Russia  
Presentation of the activities implemented by the Russian Chrysotile Association

15.00 – 15.30

**Olga Speranskaya**, Eco-Accord, Russia  
Presentation of the survey Asbestos: Realities, Problems and Recommendations  
**Questions/answers**, Moderator – Khalidya Khamidulina, Director The Federal State-owned Establishment of Public Health (FSEH) "Russian Register of Potentially Hazardous Chemical and Biological Substances (RRPHCBS)", the ROSPOTREBNADZOR of Russia

15.30 – 16.00

16.30 – 17.00

**Coffee break**

17.00 – 18:00

**HIGH LEVEL ROUND TABLE DIALOGUE:**  
**Potential Impact of the Accession to the Rotterdam Convention by the Russian Federation, Preparing Recommendation for the Resolution**

**Moderated by DepDG Alexander Nies, Ministry of Environment, Germany**

**Dialogue** with all speakers of the day

**Closure of the day**

**Discussion moderated by Sascha Gabizon, International Director WECF**

**Reception**

---- SECOND DAY ----

**15 October, Moscow**

09.00 – 11.00

**3. ASBESTOS AND ASBESTOS-RELATED DISEASES**

*In this session the potential health risks of asbestos use will be discussed. Russian and international experts will present the results of health studies on asbestos exposure.*

9.00 – 9.15

**Welcome Speech:**

**Session Chair, Zsuzsanna Jakab, Regional Director WHO (tbc)**

9.15 – 9.30

**Participants:**

**J. A. Burgers MD, PhD, pulmonologist, Dep. of Thoracic Oncology, Netherlands Cancer Institute - Antoni van Leeuwenhoek Hospital**

*Medical aspects of exposure to asbestos*

9.30 – 9.45

**Eugeny Kovalevsky, Research institute of occupational health, Russian Academy of Science**

*Presentation of health consequences of asbestos exposure in Russia*

9.45 – 10.00

**Serguei Kashansky, Head of Laboratory of industrial hygiene and ventilation, Ekaterinburg**

*Elimination of asbestos related diseases on the regional level.*

*Ekaterinburg Medical centre 80 year experience»*

10.00 – 10.30

**Questions/answers, moderated by Olga Speranskaya, Eco-Accord, Russia**

10.30 – 10.45

**Markus Mattenklott, BGIA - Institute for Occupational Safety and Health of the German Social Accident Insurance, Germany (tbc)**

*Presentation on health consequences of asbestos exposure in Germany*

10.45 – 11.00

**Larisa Privalova, Medical Research Centre for Prophylaxis and Health**

*Protection in Industrial Workers, Ekaterinburg, Russia*

*Presentation of the Attenuation of some Adverse Health Effects of Chrysotile Asbestos with Bioprotectors*

11.00 – 11.15

**Questions/answers, moderated by Olga Speranskaya, Eco-Accord, Russia**

11.15 – 11.30

**Coffee-break**

11.15 – 13.00

**In this session recommendations aimed at improving of the Russian national policy on hazardous chemicals management will be developed by the participants based on the results of day1. The recommendations will address the following issues:**

- *Potential accession to the Rotterdam Convention by the Russian Federation.*
- *The Russian Nation Sanitary Norms and regulations 2.2.3.757-99 "Work with asbestos and asbestos containing materials" and*
- *The Russian national program of the elimination of asbestos related diseases.*

11:15 – 11:30

**Mr. Wiking Husberg, ILO Regional Advisor on OSH for Eastern Europe and Central Asia**  
*The legal frameworks and recommendations on national programme for elimination of asbestos-related diseases*

11.30 – 12.00

**Presentation of the draft resolution and recommendation by the drafting team/persons(s)**

12.00 – 13.00

**Integrating input from participants into the resolution/recommendations**

**Moderators:**

**Khalidya Khamidulina, Director The Federal State-owned Establishment of Public Health (FSEH) "Russian Register of Potentially Hazardous Chemical and Biological Substances (RRPHCBS)", the ROSPOTREBNADZOR of Russia**

**DepDG Alexander Nies, Ministry of Environment, Germany**

13.00-13.10

**Adoption of the resolution/recommendation and closing of the conference**