

New chemicals to be added to the PIC Regulation

The [Prior Informed Consent \(PIC\) Regulation \(EU No 649/2012\)](#) implements the [Rotterdam Convention](#) in the EU. This convention is a multi-lateral treaty promoting the shared responsibility and cooperative efforts in the international movement of hazardous chemicals in order to protect human health and the environment from potential harm. These include certain industrial chemicals for professional and industrial use and pesticides used as plant protection products and biocides.

In the EU, the PIC Regulation requires exporters of [certain hazardous chemicals](#) to notify their Designated National Authority (DNA) prior to export outside of the EU.

EU exporters are also required to report actual tonnages of these hazardous chemicals on an annual basis. Notification and reporting are facilitated through the [ePIC](#) IT tool, which is hosted by the European Chemicals Agency ([ECHA](#)).

Non-EU exporters of hazardous chemicals listed in Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention must also notify their DNA of the exports of these chemicals to the EU. The EU importer must report the actual tonnage of these chemicals imported on an annual basis in ePIC, as well as comply with REACH and CLP legislative obligations.

On August 12th, 2026, the European Commission published amendment No 2026/1278, which updates the PIC Regulation to add a further 34 chemicals to Annex I.

These additional substances will be subject to the export notification procedure as of **1 October 2026**. A list of the additional substances is available [here](#). Further information on the PIC Regulation is available on the HSA website [here](#).