

Notification on Decision XVII/16 of the Seventeenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol – revised data reporting forms (28 March 2006)

“The Seventeenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, held in Dakar, Senegal, from 12 to 16 December 2005, adopted decision XVII/16 with regard to preventing illegal trade in controlled substances.

Paragraph 4 of that decision requested the Secretariat to revise the reporting format resulting from decision VII/9 to cover exports (including re-exports) of all controlled ozone-depleting substances, including mixtures containing them. It further urged the Parties to implement the revised reporting format expeditiously and requested the Secretariat to report back aggregated information related to the controlled substance in question received from the exporting or re-exporting Parties to the importing Party concerned.

Please find attached the revised official formats for reporting annual consumption and production of ozone-depleting substances under Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol. Data form 2 reflects the Secretariat’s understanding of the revisions requested by the Parties in paragraph 4 of decision XVII/16. Consequential amendments have also been made where necessary for consistency and clarity to the questionnaire, guidelines and instructions of the data reporting forms.

In addition, the Secretariat has taken the opportunity to correct typographical errors detected in the forms, and update references to websites and the various data reporting resources available from the OzonAction Programme of the United Nations Environment Programme. A comments section has also been added to the end of each data reporting form for Parties to include any additional information that they believe would assist the Secretariat process their data reports, such as information describing the nature of the essential uses recorded on the forms. Lastly, the Secretariat has updated the list of reporting requirements set forth in section 3 of the guidelines and instructions.

In accordance with paragraph 4 of decision XVII/16, the Secretariat will report back to each importing Party concerned the aggregated information related to controlled substances that is received from exporting or re-exporting Parties. Consequently, the importing Party will receive information on the identity of the exported ozone-depleting substances, by group, and the quantity of each group of ozone-depleting substances that each Party or Parties has reported as exported to the importing Party for all uses. This information will be transmitted as illustrated in the table below.

SUBSTANCES	EXPORTING COUNTRY	TOTAL QUANTITY EXPORTED FOR ALL USES (metric tonnes)
Annex A group II (halons)	[name of country]	5.5
	[name of country]	7.0
Annex E (methyl bromide)	[name of country]	100.77

Should the Parties encounter any issues in the course of using these revised documents, they should not hesitate to share their experiences with the Secretariat. Also, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat should you require further information in respect of this correspondence.”