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Licensing systems (Article 4B, paragraph 4, of the Montreal Protocol)

Report by the Secretariat

1. Article 4B of the Montreal Protocol, which was added to the Protocol by the Montreal Amendment to the Protocol, requires each Party to the Protocol to establish a system for licensing the import and export of new, used, recycled and reclaimed controlled substances listed in Annexes A, B, C and E to the Protocol by 1 January 2000 or three months after the date of entry into force of Article 4B for the Party. Pursuant to paragraph 4 of Article 4B, the Secretariat is required to prepare and circulate periodically to all Parties a list of Parties which have reported to the Secretariat on their licensing systems. The Secretariat is also required to forward that list to the Implementation Committee under the Non-Compliance Procedure for the Montreal Protocol for its consideration and appropriate recommendations to the Parties.
2. Annex I to the present report lists all Parties to the Montreal Amendment to the Montreal Protocol which had established licensing systems and notified the Secretariat by 30 September 2006. Annex II to the present note contains a list of States which are Parties to the Montreal Protocol but are not yet Parties to the Montreal Amendment and have already established and implemented licensing systems.
3. At the Seventeenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, the Parties adopted decision XVII/23 which, among other things, urged the 29 Parties to the Montreal Amendment that had not yet done so to provide information to the Secretariat on the establishment of import and export licensing systems and to establish such systems as a matter of urgency. The decision also encouraged the Parties to the Montreal Protocol that had not yet ratified the Montreal Amendment to ratify it and to establish import and export licensing systems if they had not yet done so. The Secretariat conveyed that decision to the Parties concerned in a communication of February 2006.

Annex I

Parties to the Montreal Amendment to the Montreal Protocol

Party	Date of ratification	Status of licensing system
1. Afghanistan	17.6.2004	-
2. Albania	25.5.2006	√
3. Antigua and Barbuda	10.2.2000	√
4. Argentina	15.2.2001	√
5. Australia	5.1.1999	√
6. Austria	7.8.2000	√
7. Azerbaijan	28.9.2000	√
8. Bahamas	16.3.2005	√
9. Bahrain	13.3.2001	√
10. Bangladesh	27.7.2001	√
11. Barbados	10.12.2002	-
12. Belgium	11.8.2004	√
13. Bhutan	23.8.2004	-
14. Bolivia	12.4.1999	√
15. Bosnia and Herzegovina	11.8.2003	-
16. Brazil	30.6.2004	√
17. Bulgaria	24.11.1999	√
18. Burkina Faso	11.11.2002	√
19. Burundi	18.10.2001	√
20. Canada	27.3.1998	√
21. Cape Verde	31.7.2001	-
22. Chad	30.5.2001	√
23. Chile	17.6.1998	√
24. Cook Islands	22.12.2003	-
25. Colombia	16.6.2003	√
26. Comoros	2.12.2002	√
27. Congo	19.10.2001	√
28. Costa Rica	1.12.2005	√
29. Croatia	8.9.2000	√
30. Cuba	12.9.2005	√
31. Cyprus	2.6.2003	√
32. Czech Republic	5.11.1999	√
33. Democratic Republic of the Congo	23.3.2005	√
34. Democratic People's Republic of Korea	13.12.2001	√
35. Denmark	24.9.2003	√
36. Djibouti	30.7.1999	√
37. Dominica	7.3.2006	√
38. Egypt	20.7.2000	√
39. El Salvador	8.12.2000	√
40. Eritrea	5.7.2005	-
41. Estonia	11.4.2003	√
42. European Community	17.11.2000	√
43. Finland	18.6.2001	√
44. France	25.7.2003	√
45. Gabon	4.12.2000	√
46. Georgia	12.7.2000	√
47. Germany	5.1.1999	√
48. Ghana	8.8.2005	√
49. Greece	27.1.2006	√
50. Grenada	20.5.1999	-
51. Guatemala	21.1.2002	√
52. Guinea-Bissau	12.11.2002	√
53. Guyana	23.7.1999	-
54. Haiti	29.3.2000	-
55. Hungary	26.7.1999	√
56. Iceland	8.2.2000	√
57. India	3.3.2003	√
58. Indonesia	26.1.2006	√

Party	Date of ratification	Status of licensing system
59. Iran (Islamic Republic of)	17.10.2001	√
60. Ireland	6.10.2005	√
61. Israel	28.5.2003	√
62. Italy	1.5.2001	√
63. Jamaica	24.9.2003	√
64. Japan	30.8.2002	√
65. Jordan	3.2.1999	√
66. Kenya	12.7.2000	√
67. Kiribati	9.8.2004	-
68. Kuwait	13.6.2003	√
69. Kyrgyzstan	13.5.2003	√
70. Latvia	14.6.2002	√
71. Lao People's Democratic Republic	28.6.2006	√
72. Lebanon	31.7.2000	√
73. Liberia	30.11.2004	√
74. Liechtenstein	23.12.2003	√
75. Lithuania	17.3.2004	√
76. Luxembourg	8.2.1999	√
77. Madagascar	16.1.2002	√
78. Malaysia	26.10.2001	√
79. Maldives	27.9.2001	√
80. Mali	7.3.2003	√
81. Malta	22.11.2003	√
82. Marshall Islands	27.1.2003	-
83. Mauritania	22.7.2005	√
84. Mauritius	24.3.2003	√
85. Mexico	28.7.2006	√
86. Micronesia (Federated States of)	27.11.2001	-
87. Monaco	26.7.2001	√
88. Mongolia	28.3.2002	√
89. Nauru	10.9.2004	-
90. Netherlands	21.2.2000	√
91. New Zealand	3.6.1999	√
92. Niger	8.10.1999	√
93. Nigeria	27.9.2001	√
94. Niue	22.11.2003	-
95. Norway	30.12.1998	√
96. Oman	19.1.2005	√
97. Pakistan	2.9.2005	√
98. Palau	29.5.2001	-
99. Panama	5.3.1999	√
100. Paraguay	27.4.2001	√
101. Philippines	23.5.2006	√
102. Poland	6.12.1999	√
103. Portugal	3.10.2003	√
104. Republic of Korea	19.8.1998	√
105. Republic of Moldova	24.5.2005	√
106. Romania	21.5.2001	√
107. Russian Federation	14.12.2005	√
108. Rwanda	7.1.2004	√
109. Saint Kitts and Nevis	25.2.1999	√
110. Saint Lucia	24.8.1999	√
111. Samoa	4.10.2001	-
112. Sao Tome and Principe	19.11.2001	-
113. Senegal	12.8.1999	√
114. Serbia	22.3.2005	√
115. Seychelles	26.8.2002	√
116. Sierra Leone	29.8.2001	√
117. Singapore	22.9.2000	√
118. Slovakia	3.11.1999	√
119. Slovenia	15.11.1999	√
120. Solomon Islands	17.8.1999	-
121. Somalia	1.8.2001	-

Party	Date of ratification	Status of licensing system
122. South Africa	11.11.2004	√
123. Spain	11.5.1999	√
124. Sri Lanka	20.8.1999	√
125. Sudan	18.5.2004	√
126. Suriname	29.3.2006	√
127. Swaziland	16.12.2005	√
128. Sweden	12.7.1999	√
129. Switzerland	28.8.2002	√
130. Syrian Arab Republic	30.11.1999	√
131. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	31.8.1999	√
132. Thailand	23.6.2003	√
133. Togo	26.11.2001	√
134. Tonga	26.11.2003	-
135. Trinidad and Tobago	10.6.1999	√
136. Tunisia	19.10.1999	√
137. Turkey	24.10.2003	√
138. Tuvalu	31.8.2000	-
139. Uganda	23.11.1999	√
140. United Arab Emirates	16.2.2005	√
141. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	12.10.2001	√
142. United Republic of Tanzania	6.12.2002	-
143. United States of America	1.10.2003	√
144. Uruguay	16.2.2000	√
145. Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	13.5.2002	√
146. Viet Nam	3.12.2004	√
147. Yemen	23.4.2001	√

√ indicates that a licensing system has been established.

- indicates that no licensing system has been established.

Annex II

States not yet Parties to the Montreal Amendment which have established and implemented licensing systems

1. Algeria
 2. Belarus
 3. Belize
 4. Benin
 5. Cameroon
 6. Central African Republic
 7. China
 8. Cote d'Ivoire
 9. Dominican Republic
 10. Ecuador
 11. Fiji
 12. Gambia
 13. Guinea
 14. Honduras
 15. Kazakhstan
 16. Malawi
 17. Morocco
 18. Myanmar
 19. Namibia
 20. Nepal
 21. Nicaragua
 22. Papua New Guinea
 23. Peru
 24. Qatar
 25. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
 26. Saudi Arabia
 27. Tajikistan
 28. Ukraine
 29. Zambia
 30. Zimbabwe
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