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**Information on illegal trade in ozone-depleting substances
reported by Parties to the Montreal Protocol (paragraph 7 of
decision XIV/7)**

By paragraph 7 of decision XIV/7, the Parties to the Montreal Protocol requested the Secretariat to collect any information on illegal trade received from Parties and to disseminate it to all Parties. The information reported by Parties to the Secretariat in 2008 and 2009 pursuant to decision XIV/7 has been summarized in the table set out in the annex to the present note. Information on other cases of illegal trade that was reported to the Secretariat in previous years has previously been circulated to Parties and posted on the Secretariat's website and accordingly has not been included in the annexed table.

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Annex

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Party	Date	Substances traded	Volume (in kilograms)	Importing/Exporting country	Details of the illegal trade	Action
Belgium	2007	Methyl bromide	1		One kilogram (kg) of methyl bromide imported for laboratory use was used in field testing of a methyl bromide alternative. The field testing would constitute a critical use but the user had no import licence covering critical uses.	An investigation is under way.
Bulgaria	2007	CFC ¹ -12	10		One bottle of CFC-12 was found on 27 June 2007 in a private car during a customs check at Vrashka Chuka, on the border between Bulgaria and Serbia.	A fine was imposed under customs law. Entry of the product was denied.
Cyprus	2007	HCFC ² -22	14		During a field inspection on 23 March 2007 160 cylinders marked as containing HFC-134a were found to contain a blend including HCFC-22. Most of the cylinders had already been sold and their contents consumed. Only 19 could be seized and are now awaiting destruction.	The competent authority is convinced that this was an isolated incident and that there was no deliberate intention to deceive the authorities.
		HCFC-22	22		A field inspection on 18 June 2007 revealed in a box of 90 air-conditioning units five split units charged with HCFC-22. The first placing on the market of such equipment is illegal in the European Community.	The material currently awaits destruction.

1 CFC stands for chlorofluorocarbon.

2 HCFC stands for hydrochlorofluorocarbon.

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Denmark	2007	CFC-12	Unknown		Customs authorities stopped a container whose contents included nine refrigerators.	Export was denied. The chemical inspection service considered reporting the matter to the police.
		CFC-12	Unknown		Customs authorities stopped a container whose contents included one refrigerator.	
Estonia	2007	Halon 2402	200		The ship MS Kopli was exported to Georgia with halons on board.	The Environmental Inspectorate is currently taking action; it is expected that the owner will be fined.
		Halon 2402	200		The ship MS Pakri was exported to Russia with halons on board.	
France	2007	Halon 1211 Halon 1301	220		Exports of 25 kg of halon 1211 and 195 kg of halon 1301 were made to various countries during 2006 without an export licence. The case was detected by the European Commission while comparing licence data and reported data.	The case is under investigation by French customs authorities.
	2007	CFC-12	Unknown		Twenty-three refrigerators whose compressors contained CFC 12 were seized on 11 December 2007. The goods were to be exported to Senegal.	The competent authority is investigating.
	2007	Carbon tetrachloride	8		In 2006 a French company exported 8 kg of carbon tetrachloride to Azerbaijan for laboratory uses without having an export authorization. The case was detected by the European Commission while comparing licence and reported data of another company.	The company has been reminded by French competent authorities regarding the existing rules.

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Greece	2007	HCFC	1,183		R401a in the amount of 1,360 kg (53 per cent R22, 13 per cent R152a, 34 per cent R124) was stopped at the border by customs authorities as the importer was not able to present an import licence.	Import was denied and the goods were returned to the manufacturer at the importer's expense.
Ireland	2007	CFC-12 HCFC-22	504 1,306		A company was found to be holding stocks of and using CFC-12 and HCFC-22 without allowance. Document checks suggest that the material was illegally imported between 2001 and 2004 from the United Arab Emirates. The substances were found in non-refillable 13.6 kg cylinders. Empty containers were found as well.	The stocks and empty containers were ordered to be destroyed. Following this case 13 other premises in Ireland were inspected. No other cases of non-compliance were discovered.
Italy	2007	HCFC-22	35,040		HCFC-22 in the amount of 35,040 kg was imported in 2006 without an import licence. The case was detected by the European Commission through documentary cross checks.	The competent authority investigated the matter and concluded that the failure to apply for a licence had been unintentional.
Netherlands	2007	carbon tetrachloride CFC-113	3 8		Despite intended improvements in the internal procedures of the company involved (which had the year before been fined for unlicensed trade) two additional unlicensed transactions took place during 2007. In February 2007, 3 kg of carbon tetrachloride was exported to Switzerland and in June 2007 8 kg of CFC-113 was exported to Serbia.	The company stopped all exports of ozone-depleting substances.
	2007	Methyl bromide	20,000		Methyl bromide in the amount of 20,000 kg was exported to Israel during 2007.	Inspections revealed that the export resulted from a misapplication of the licensing system by the exporter and that there was no intention to mislead. Follow-up inspections are scheduled.

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Poland	2007	HCFC-22	14		A non-refillable gas cylinder was found on 11 May 2007 during customs control of a passenger car at the Polish-Ukrainian border.	The car was not allowed to enter the European Community.
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2007	TCA ³	62		A company mistakenly imported more TCA than it was licensed to bring in (132 kg instead of 70 kg).	The company has been reminded of proper procedures.
	2007	HCFC-22	153,000		A company exported 153,000 kg of HCFC-22 to India for feedstock uses; the company was only licensed to export for refrigeration uses.	An investigation is under way.
	2007	Halons	Unknown		Due to a misinterpretation of the applicable regulation no export licences were requested with regard to the export of halon-based fire-extinguishers.	An investigation is under way.

3 TCA stands for 1,1,1-trichloroethane.