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AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION

Amendments regarding transfers of saxitoxin

1. A number of States Parties are in the process of amending their national implementing legislation to incorporate into national law the change to Part VI (B) of the Verification Annex to the Convention (concerning transfers of the Schedule 1 chemical, saxitoxin). Finland is the first State Party to have notified the Secretariat of such amended legislation. The entry into force of the amended legislation was timed to coincide with the entry into force of the change to the Convention (31 October 1999).

Amendments regarding transfers of Schedule 2 chemicals

2. A number of States Parties are also currently in the process of preparing or amending legislation to regulate the restrictions on transfers of Schedule 2 chemicals which will be required as of 29 April 2000 under paragraph 31 of Part VII of the Verification Annex (see the Note by the Director-General, "Regulation of transfers of Schedule 2 chemicals", C-IV/DG.9, dated 21 June 1999).

Article VII, paragraph 5, obligation to inform

3. Article VII, paragraph 5, of the Convention requires States Parties to inform the Organisation of the legislative and administrative measures taken to implement the Convention. All such information received will be included in an addendum to the Survey of National Implementing Legislation (S/85/98, dated 17 November 1998).

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