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FOR SOUTH ASIA**

**TRILATERAL MEETING
CHINA - KAZAKHSTAN - KYRGYZSTAN
ON CONTROL OF TRADE IN ODS**

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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These recommendations resulted from deliberation at the Trilateral Meeting between China, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan on Control of Trade in Ozone Depleting Substances held from 25 to 27 August 2005, Cholpon-Ata, Kyrgyzstan. The participants reiterated the importance of the meeting and agreed to bring its outcome to the attention of relevant authorities in their respective countries and to continue the dialogue.

1. The following procedure for issuing ODS export licenses was agreed upon:
 - China will issue no export license for trade with Kyrgyzstan in any substance controlled under the Montreal Protocol without a prior consent letter from the National Ozone Centre of Kyrgyzstan.
 - China will issue no export license for trade with Kazakhstan in any substance controlled under the Montreal Protocol, except for export of HCFCs. For issuing a license for export of HCFCs, a prior consent letter from the National Ozone Unit of Kazakhstan will be required.
 - NOUs of Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan will provide the Office of ODS Export/Import Control with sample letters of consent.
2. Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan agreed to provide China with information on all cases of illegal trade involving Chinese ODS and products, containing ODS, for investigation. China will proceed with the necessary investigation of reported cases and keep the two countries informed on the outcome.
3. China will consider to control the export of CFCs packaged in small cans under the current ODS import/export licensing system with assistance of UNEP and other Implementing Agencies.
4. It was recognized that a strengthened border control would be the most efficient way to prevent the illegal trade in ODS between the three countries. A joint border custom training workshop/consultation should be organized with the participation of the three countries to address the issues of common concern with regard to illegal trade. Such a meeting could lead to the establishment of an agreement between the border customs offices to control ODS traffic between the countries concerned. UNEP was requested to facilitate the organization of the customs training/consultation. The first meeting should be held as soon as possible and feasible, but not later than the end of 2006. In the future such meetings could become regular.
5. An inter-regional cooperation should be encouraged with a view to promoting information exchange on existing ODS import/export licensing systems and cases of illegal trade. UNEP was requested to facilitate such an information exchange by means of Regional Networks.
6. RILO CIS and RILO AP were invited to facilitate the collection and dissemination of information on new approaches used by ODS smugglers. The countries should take a full advantage of national RILO contact points and CEN for sharing the information on illegal trade in ODS and ODS containing equipment.
7. A closer cooperation between RILO CIS and the Regional Ozone Network for Europe and Central Asia should be explored.
8. UNEP and other Implementing Agency were invited to explore the possibility of supporting the establishment of a sub-regional center for collection and destruction of seized ODS. Methodologies of treatment of seized ODS and ODS containing equipment should be improved.

9. An information exchange mechanism should be established between the border customs of China and Kyrgyzstan as well as China and Kazakhstan under the General Agreement on Customs Cooperation between the two countries, respectively. Under such a mechanism, the border customs could share information/data on ODS movements on a daily basis.
10. It was suggested establishing a regional e-forum for NOUs and custom officers under the auspices of the Regional Ozone Network for Europe and Central Asia following the example of the similar information tool in Asia and Pacific.
11. It was suggested harmonizing ODS export/import licensing systems of countries of Central Asia and China as far as possible and appropriate with a view to improving the control of ODS movement.
12. It was suggested developing a computerized system for data sharing between entry points and custom offices of the three countries.
13. Entry points should be equipped with identifies of ODS (especially CFC and MB).
14. A training of national authorities in charge of ODS import/export licenses should be considered.
15. The three countries may consider selecting several entry points for transboundary movement of ODS and ODS containing equipment. Such entry points should be well equipped.
16. Training of customs officers in identification of ODS and ODS containing equipment should be introduced in regular curricular of relevant educational institutions.