

Letter from EU-Parliament to the ambassadors of the 10 accession countries

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COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH
AND CONSUMER POLICY

THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Ambassador,

Following a discussion in the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy, I am writing on behalf of the Committee on the subject of **obsolete pesticides**.

As you may know, at the 6th International HCH and Pesticides Forum in March, experts expressed concern about stocks of obsolete pesticides which they said posed severe threats to human and wildlife health and to the environment. The Council of the European Union, in its draft common position on the Community's 6th Environmental Action Programme, has also called elimination of stocks of obsolete pesticides in the candidate countries.

Our Committee has responsibility for both the environment and health impact of EU enlargement and also for food and feed safety. We should be very grateful if you could inform us of your government's estimate of the range and quantity of such stocks held in your country and of your plans as to how these may be disposed of. We are, of course, particularly concerned about insecticides and any dioxin producing products.

Yours sincerely,



Caroline Jackson