

# iPIC

## Management of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) trade through iPIC mechanism

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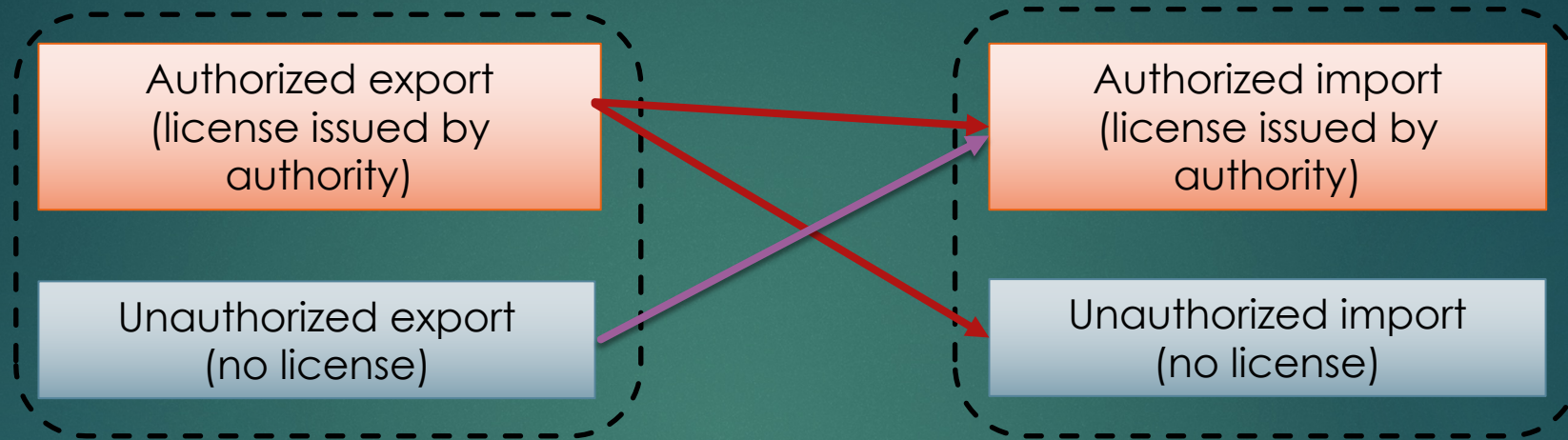
- ▶ An **informal and voluntary mechanism** of information exchange on intended trade between the authorities in importing and exporting countries which are responsible for issuing ODS trade licenses.
- ▶ iPIC focal points / National Ozone Units of importing and exporting countries share details of eligible importers and exporters with other iPIC members and consult each other prior to issuing trade licenses.
- ▶ Initiated and maintained by UNEP OzonAction to help countries **facilitate and monitor ODS trade and avoid illegal or unwanted shipments.**

A screenshot of the iPIC ONLINE website's login page. On the left, there are five blue buttons with white text and icons: 'About iPIC', 'UNEP Focal Points', 'How to Use iPIC Online', 'Send Inquiry to iPIC/Ozone Focal Point in Trade Partner Country', and 'Language'. On the right, there is a white login form with a blue header containing the iPIC ONLINE logo and the text 'Informal Prior Informed Consent' and 'Compliance through informal prior informed consent on trade of ozone depleting substances'. The form includes fields for 'User Name' and 'Password', a 'Remember me' checkbox, a green 'LOGIN' button, and a red 'FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD?' button.

To facilitate consultation between countries,  
**iPIC online platform**

[How to use iPIC online](#)

# How does iPIC mechanism support countries to enhance Montreal Protocol enforcement



## Current iPIC Mechanism

- Through e-mail communication between exporting and importing countries
- Through iPIC online platform

## Benefits of iPIC

- ▶ Clarifying suspicious or uncertain shipments - preventing numerous illegal or unauthorized shipments.
- ▶ Avoiding complication on management of confiscated shipment.
- ▶ Minimizing differences between data reported on imports and data reported on exports

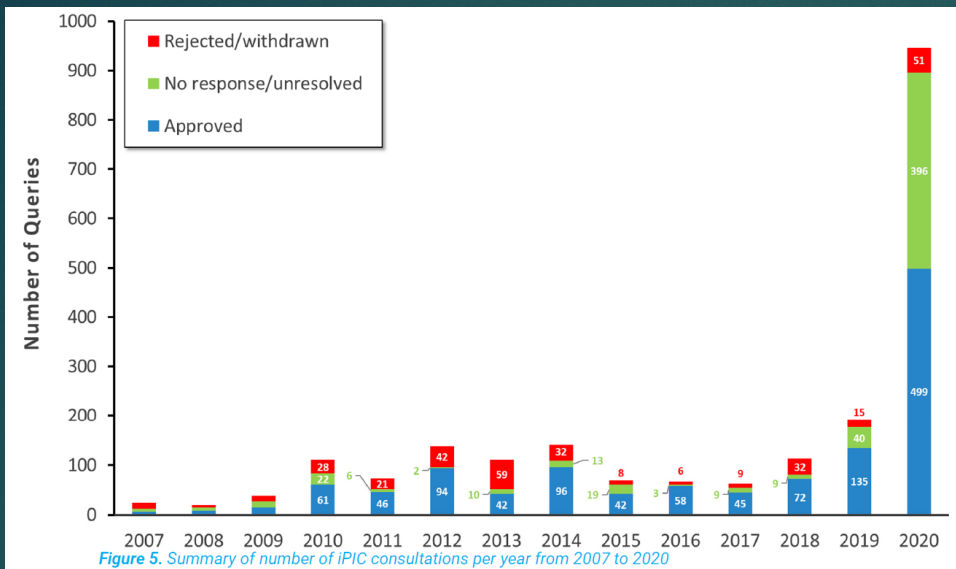


Figure 5. Summary of number of iPIC consultations per year from 2007 to 2020

# iPIC Results

\*majority of queries are for HCFCs, particularly R-22 and followed by HFCs

	2022 (Jan-Dec)	2023 (Jan-Jun)
<b>No. of queries received through iPIC mechanism:</b>	2,341	1,675
<b>No. of queries approved:</b>	1,414 (60%)	889
<b>No. of queries rejected:</b>	49 (2%)	26
<b>No. of queries with no final reply: (NB: final outcome of shipment – approved or rejected - not shared with us)</b>	878 (38%)	N/A as some queries are still awaiting response
<b>No. of types of substances involved:</b>	32	35
<b>Total in metric tonnes (all substances):</b>	87,288	51,611
<b>Total ODP tonnes (all substances):</b>	5,186.2	2,591
<b>Total GWP tonnes (all substances): (100yr value)</b>	146.2 million	84.23 million



# Updated Interface

## Send a Query

### Send a Query

Send to: \*

Select country

Subject: \*

use standard query template

Dear Mr / Ms,

We received an application for a licence concerning your country. You will find the details below.

In the context of the informal Prior Informed Consent procedure (iPIC) we kindly ask you to confirm that you consider this trade as acceptable and in compliance with your provisions under the Montreal Protocol and national legislation.

Exporter from your country: [name of exporting company]

Importer in [name of country]: [name of importing company]

Substance: [name of substance and composition if substance is a mixture]

Use: [intended application/use for substance]

Net-mass: [in kg or metric tonnes]



# Focal Points

## All iPIC Focal Points

Quick Filter (type keyword(s) here)

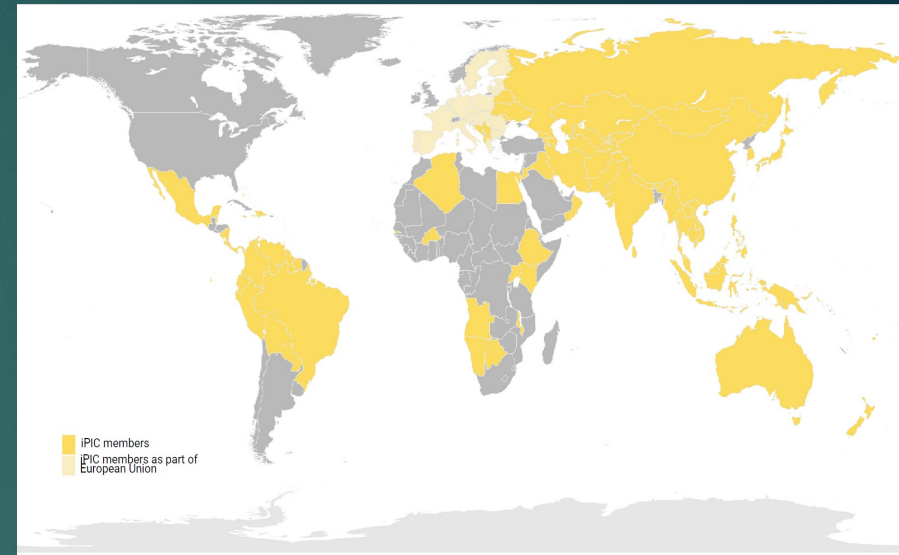
Show number of results:

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Contact	Country ↑	Type
<a href="#">Ms Mimoza Vokshi</a>	Albania	Primary Focal Point
<a href="#">Mr António D Francisco Matias</a>	Angola	Primary Focal Point
<a href="#">Ms Ivone A de Sousa Pascoal</a>	Angola	Primary Focal Point
<a href="#">Mrs Liana Ghahramanyan</a>	Armenia	Primary Focal Point
<a href="#">Mr Armenak Melkonyan</a>	Armenia	Alternate Focal Point
<a href="#">Mr Patrick McInerney</a>	Australia	Primary Focal Point
<a href="#">Ms Annie Gabriel</a>	Australia	Primary Focal Point
<a href="#">Mr Emin Garabaghli</a>	Azerbaijan	Primary Focal Point
<a href="#">Ms Sevinj Ibadova</a>	Azerbaijan	Alternate Focal Point
<a href="#">Ms Jamila Mammadova</a>	Azerbaijan	Alternate Focal Point
<a href="#">Mr Ryan Perpall</a>	Bahamas	Primary Focal Point

# Recommendations

- iPIC mechanism plays important role to prevent illegal trade/minimize data difference between two countries. However, it cannot prevent illegal/unauthorized trade at both importing and exporting countries. Countries need to find other mechanisms to strengthen enforcement for such a case.
- Countries are strongly encouraged to adopt the iPIC mechanism as part of procedures for issuing license for effective control of controlled substances either
  - Use the online platform and update iPIC at least annually.
  - Communicate with other import/exporting country with information sharing to UNEP.
- Non-member of iPIC can also use iPIC online platform, but highly encouraged to register for record benefits.
- To enhance trade data accuracy, countries with only a small number of ODS shipments per year could consider initiating *iPIC* consultations for *all* licence requests.
- UNEP's regional focal points can provide assistance and support to follow-up with specific consultations.





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