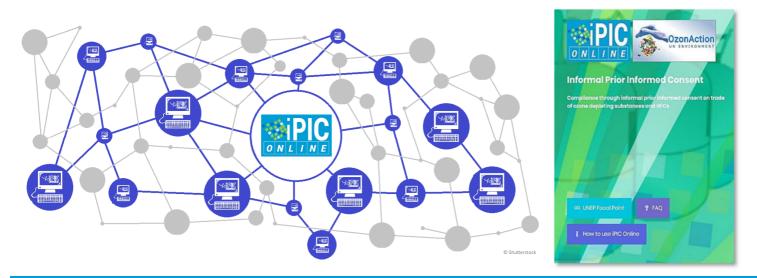


The new *IPIC* platform

The updated Informal Prior Informed Consent platform can assist you in Montreal Protocol implementation





iPIC has had a complete makeover!



- Now includes HFCs and HFC mixtures
- The new iPIC platform is much easier to use and navigate
- Improved interface, graphical displays and streamlined operation
- Straightforward data entry
- A new secure system of communication with trade partners
- Password-protected access with improved security for your confidence
- All countries can actively and effectively engage in the iPIC process
- An effective means to prevent illegal and unwanted trade in ODS and HFCs

Then the new iPIC platform is for you! See more details overleaf...



Are you :

An active iPIC user? A new National Ozone Officer? A member who does not actively use the system? A non-member? Interested to know more?

What is iPIC?

iPIC is a voluntary and informal mechanism of information exchange on intended trade between countries in ozone depleting substances (ODS) and hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), mixtures containing these as well as products and equipment. It enables countries to share details of eligible importers and exporters with other member countries through a secure online platform. Designated iPIC focal points can also carry out simple consultations with their trading partner countries

Benefits of iPIC

- Quick exchange of information helping clarify the status of intended ODS and HFC shipments and expedite legal trade and prevent illegal or unwanted ODS trade
- substances entering and/or leaving their territories, ensuring the country's compliance with the Montreal Protocol
- iPIC is a useful tool which can be used to reduce discrepancies between import and export data, to identify and reduce illegal trade and cases of non-compliance with domestic legislation

prior to intended shipments of ODS. iPIC initially began as a manual paper-based system and based on its effectiveness, was launched as an online platform in 2006. It is maintained by UNEP OzonAction to help countries facilitate and monitor ODS trade and avoid illegal or unwanted shipments. iPIC has become a global voluntary initiative used by more than 100 like-minded states who wish to strengthen the implementation of their national licensing system for ODS and HFCs.

- iPIC contributes to forging valuable links and fosters good working relations between responsible staff in trade partner countries
- ✓ Enables Parties to better monitor the controlled ✓ iPIC has helped to clarify the status of many hundreds of suspicious or uncertain shipments since its inception and has been responsible for preventing hundreds of illegal, unauthorised and 'unwanted' shipments.
 - iPIC has also facilitated the legal trade and prevented illegal or unwanted trade in thousands of metric tonnes of ODS including HCFCs, CFCs halons, and HBFCs as well as trade in HFCs and equipment.

What's new in the updated iPIC platform ?

The iPIC platform has been re-designed and improved, responding to comments and suggestions from regular users:

- Now includes HFCs and HFC mixtures following the Kigali Amendment
- Streamlined navigation and operation with an improved interface
- Simple and straightforward data entry
- A new secure system of communication with trade partners
- Encrypted password-protected access with improved security
- Graphical display of main data (individual and global)

UNEP OzonAction encourages all countries that have not yet adopted iPIC to register and use the tool for effective monitoring of ODS, HFCs and other controlled substances. Countries that are registered, but do not regularly use the system are encouraged to have a look and the new updated platform and see how easy it now is to fully engage in the iPIC process.

To find out more:

Visit the iPIC Online platform at www.ozonaction.org/ipic

Contact your UNEP OzonAction Regional Coordinators

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