

National Secretariat seeking their co-operation and providing a contact name and telephone number for any queries, and a self-addressed, postage-paid envelope. One reminder letter was sent to respondents who did not meet the due date for return of the questionnaire. At an appropriate interval those who fail to respond to the reminder letter will receive a reminder telephone call.

The mail-out was preceded by pre-survey publicity in two chemical industry association newsletters. Two weeks before the questionnaire was sent out, a letter from the head of the Chemical Confederation of Australia requesting co-operation was sent to all addressees on the mailing list.

Data entry and analysis will commence as soon as the last returns have been received. When this is completed Australia will be in a better position to determine its implementation requirements including resource questions in relation to its National Authority. Valuable experience will also have been provided to assist in the design of the compulsory data reporting system which will be introduced under the Australian CWC implementing legislation.

Australia will present a Working Paper incorporating the results of the survey when this is available.

It is hoped that this preliminary communication, in particular the survey methodology and questionnaire, will assist other countries in undertaking similar exercises in preparation for the implementation of the CWC.