

SC-1/21: Technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of persistent organic pollutant wastes

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling resolution 5 adopted by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants on issues related to the Basel Convention;

Welcoming with appreciation the general technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants as adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention at its seventh meeting and as set out in annex II to the note by the Secretariat on technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of persistent organic pollutant wastes developed under the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal;¹

Also welcoming with appreciation the guidelines pertaining to polychlorinated biphenyls within the technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of waste consisting of, containing or contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls, polychlorinated terphenyls or polybrominated biphenyls as adopted by the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention and as set out in annex III to the note by the Secretariat on technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of persistent organic pollutant wastes developed under the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal;

1. *Reminds* Parties, when implementing their obligations under Article 6, paragraph (1) (d) (ii), of the Convention concerning the environmentally sound disposal of waste, to take into account the above-mentioned technical guidelines and in particular the fact that the general technical guidelines:

(a) Provisionally define in section III A the low persistent organic pollutant content for polychlorinated biphenyls, polychlorinated dibenzo-dioxins, polychlorinated dibenzo-furans, aldrin, chlordane, DDT, dieldrin, endrin, heptachlor, hexachlorobenzene, mirex and toxaphene;

(b) Provisionally define in section III B levels of destruction and irreversible transformation;

(c) Determine in section IV G the methods that are considered to constitute environmentally sound disposal of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants;

2. *Welcomes* the continuing work of the appropriate bodies of the Basel Convention regarding the methodology for further definition of low persistent organic pollutant content and levels of destruction and irreversible transformation, as well as on additional specific technical guidelines regarding persistent organic pollutants other than polychlorinated biphenyls and any review and update of the general technical guidelines and the guidelines regarding polychlorinated biphenyls;

3. *Encourages* Parties to the Stockholm Convention to participate actively in the continuing work under the Basel Convention referred to in paragraph 2 above;

4. *Requests* the Secretariat to further strengthen cooperation and synergies with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention with respect to the issues in paragraph 2 above.

5. *Requests* the Secretariat to keep Parties informed about the status and content of the technical guidelines being developed under the Basel Convention, with a view to the future consideration of a decision under Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Stockholm Convention regarding levels of destruction and irreversible transformation, methods that are considered to constitute environmentally sound disposal and the definition of low persistent organic pollutant content, in close cooperation with the appropriate bodies of the Basel Convention.

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