

SC-9/1: Exemptions

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Notes*, pursuant to paragraph 9 of Article 4 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, that, as there are no longer any Parties registered for specific exemptions for the use of the following chemicals, no new registrations may be made with respect to them:

(a) Lindane, for use as a human-health pharmaceutical for the control of head lice and scabies as a second-line treatment;

(b) Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride for: photo masks in the semiconductor and liquid crystal display industries; metal plating (hard-metal plating); metal plating (decorative plating); electric and electronic parts for some colour printers and colour copy machines; insecticides for the control of red imported fire ants and termites; and chemically driven oil production;

2. *Decides*, in the light of decision SC-9/11, by which it amended Annex A to the Stockholm Convention to list dicofol therein, and pursuant to note (iii) of Annex B, that any notifications for the production and use of dicofol as a closed-system site-limited intermediate will not be available after 15 December 2020;

3. *Reminds* Parties that may wish to register for specific exemptions or acceptable purposes that are currently available, or to provide notifications of chemicals occurring as constituents of articles or of the production and use of chemicals as closed-system site-limited intermediates, to so notify the Secretariat using the relevant forms;¹

4. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to maintain, update and make available the forms, registers and related information, as appropriate;

5. *Recalls* decisions SC-8/13 and SC-8/14, invites Parties to submit to the Secretariat, by 31 December 2019, information on decabromodiphenyl ether and short-chain chlorinated paraffins as specified in those decisions, and requests the Secretariat to continue to support the respective processes;

6. *Also recalls* decision SC-8/4, invites Parties to submit to the Secretariat, by 31 December 2019, information on hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether and tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether, and requests the Secretariat to continue to support these processes.

¹ See <http://chm.pops.int/tabid/4646/Default.aspx> and <http://chm.pops.int/tabid/4647/Default.aspx>.