

SC-9/13: Actions related to perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds

The Conference of the Parties,

I

Review of the specific exemptions for the production and use of PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds for the use of perfluorooctyl iodide for the production of perfluorooctyl bromide for the purpose of producing pharmaceutical products

1. *Invites* each Party in the register of specific exemptions for the production and use of PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds for the use of perfluorooctyl iodide for the production of perfluorooctyl bromide for the purpose of producing pharmaceutical products, listed in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, to report to the Secretariat, by 1 December 2025, justifying its need for the registration of that exemption;

2. *Invites* Parties and observers to provide to the Secretariat, by 1 December 2025, the following information on the specific exemptions referred to in paragraph 1 of the present decision:

- (a) Production;
- (b) Uses;
- (c) Efficacy and efficiency of possible control measures;
- (d) Information on the availability, suitability and implementation of alternatives;
- (e) Status of control and monitoring capacity;
- (f) Any national or regional control actions taken;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to compile the information provided in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of the present decision and to make it available to the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee by 31 January 2026;

4. *Requests* the Committee, subject to the availability of resources, to analyse the information referred to in paragraph 3 of the present decision and any other pertinent and credible information available and to prepare a report, including any recommendations on the specific exemptions referred to in paragraph 1 of the present decision, for consideration at the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

5. *Decides* to consider, at its thirteenth meeting, the time frame for the subsequent reviews pursuant to paragraph 3 of part X of Annex A to the Stockholm Convention;

II

Alternatives to PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds for fire-fighting foams

6. *Encourages* Parties and others to use alternatives to PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds, where available, feasible and efficient, while considering that fluorine-based fire-fighting foams could have negative environmental, human health and socioeconomic impacts due to their persistency and mobility;

III

Identification of substances covered by the listing of PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds

7. *Notes* that in order to support Parties and facilitate the identification of substances and understanding of the listing, an initial indicative list of substances has been prepared as set out in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/INF/6/Add.1;

8. *Invites* Parties and others to take into account the information available in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/INF/6/Add.1 and to provide further information regarding the identification of substances covered by the listing of PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds;

9. *Requests* the Secretariat to compile, in consultation with the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee, the information submitted pursuant to paragraph 8 of the present decision and to establish an indicative list of PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds, make it available on the Convention's website, and update it periodically.