

(3) Request on implementation plans **(updated from the first letter)**

Decision: SC-6/12: Implementation plans

Background:

At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted decision SC-6/12 in which it encouraged parties to use the revised and updated guidance for developing a national implementation plan for the Stockholm Convention, updated in 2012 to include the chemicals listed in 2009 and 2011, and the additional guidance developed by the Secretariat⁶. The Conference of the Parties invited parties and others to provide comments to the Secretariat, based on their experiences in using them and also requested the Secretariat to facilitate the revision of these draft documents. As a first step, parties are invited to submit detailed comments by 30 September 2013. A revised version of the draft guidance including the comments received by the above-mentioned deadline will be circulated to parties for a second round of comments by 31 October 2014. The revised versions of the draft guidance documents will be then submitted to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Requests:

- Parties are invited to provide detailed comments on the following documents: (request a)
 - Draft guidance on socio-economic assessment for national implementation plan development and implementation under the Stockholm Convention (2007);
 - Draft guidance for the inventory for perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and related chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention (2012);
 - Draft guidance for the inventory polybrominated diphenyl ethers listed under the Stockholm Convention (2012);
 - Draft guidance for the control of the import and export of persistent organic pollutants (2012);
 - Document on labelling of products or articles that contain POPs – initial considerations (2012).
- Parties and others are invited to provide comments on the following documents, based on their experience in using them and on how to improve their usefulness: (request b)
 - Guidance for Developing a National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (updated in 2012 to include the persistent organic pollutants listed in 2009 and 2011);
 - Guidance on calculation of action plan costs, including incremental costs and action plans for specific organic pollutants (updated in 2012 to include the persistent organic pollutants listed in 2009 and 2011).

Respondents:

- Parties;
- Others.

Method of submission:

- All submissions are to be made to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.

Deadlines for submissions:

- For requests a and b:
 - **30 September 2013** for submission of detailed comments and comments on experiences using the revised, updated and additional above-mentioned guidance;
 - **31 October 2014** for submission of a second round of comments on the revised, updated and additional guidance above-mentioned.⁷

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⁶ <http://chm.pops.int/Implementation/NIPs/Guidance/tabid/2882/Default.aspx>

⁷ This deadline has been inserted in the second letter.