

### **3. Request for information related to the interpretation and application of Article 4 of the Convention**

**Decision:** Decision SC-7/5: Evaluation of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride pursuant to paragraphs 5 and 6 of part III of Annex B to the Convention

**Background:**

Paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Convention reads: “Unless an earlier date is indicated in the Register by a party, or an extension is granted pursuant to paragraph 7, all registrations of specific exemptions shall expire five years after the date of entry into force of this Convention with respect to a particular chemical.”

Article 4, in particular the above paragraph, was discussed at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties with respect to the expiry of specific exemptions. Information related to the interpretation and application of Article 4 is requested from parties to assist future consideration by the Conference of the Parties of expiry of specific exemptions.

**Request:**

<b>Request</b>	<b>Respondent(s)</b>	<b>Method of submission</b>	<b>Deadline for submission</b>
Parties are invited to transmit to the Secretariat information related to the interpretation and application of Article 4 of the Convention.	Parties	A form will be made available on the Convention website to facilitate responses to this request.	No later than 8 months before the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, i.e. <b>23 August 2016.</b>

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