

5. Request on guidelines on best available techniques and provisional guidance on best environmental practices

Decision: SC-7/8: Guidelines on best available techniques and provisional guidance on best environmental practices

Background:

At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted the workplan for the ongoing review and update of the guidelines on best available techniques (BAT) and provisional guidance on best environmental practices (BEP)², and invited parties, States not party to the Convention, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and industry to submit relevant information to the Secretariat for consideration by the experts on BAT and BEP in the review and update process. Recognizing that listing of new substances in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention will trigger the need to further update existing guidance and/or develop new guidance, the Conference of the Parties also invited parties and others to nominate experts with specific expertise in BAT and BEP relevant to the chemicals listed in the Stockholm Convention in 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2015 to the joint Toolkit and BAT and BEP expert roster.

Requests:

	Requests	Respondent(s)	Method of submission	Deadline for submission
(a)	Parties and others are invited to participate actively in the review and updating of the guidelines and guidance and submit relevant information to the Secretariat for consideration by the experts on BAT and BEP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parties; • Observers; • Others. 	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	According to the workplan adopted by decision SC-7/8: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 September 2015 for submission of information specified in the workplan³; • 30 June 2016 for submission of comments on draft updated guidance to be made available on the Convention website by 29 April 2016.
(b)	Parties and others are invited to nominate experts with specific expertise in BAT and BEP relevant to the chemicals that were listed in the Stockholm Convention in 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2015 to the joint Toolkit and BAT and BEP expert roster.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parties; • Observers; • Others. 	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	The joint Toolkit and BAT and BEP expert roster is open for nominations at all times.

² See decision SC-7/8, annex.

³ Including:

- Information on BAT and BEP relevant to the POPs listed in Annexes A or B (namely perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride, polybrominated diphenyl ethers, and hexabromocyclododecane);
- Information on BAT and BEP relevant to the POPs listed in Annex C, including alternative techniques and practices, such as locally developed alternatives, and use of substitute or modified materials, products and processes;
- Information relevant to the remediation of contaminated sites.

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(c)	Parties are invited to share their experiences in using the guidelines and guidance, such as in the form of case studies, by means of the Stockholm Convention clearing-house mechanism.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	No deadline specified in the decision; please submit comments by 30 September 2016 for them to be included in the report to be prepared by the Secretariat on this issue for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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