

**Comments and responses on the draft guidance for the inventory of polybrominated diphenyl ethers listed under the Stockholm Convention on POPs<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Origin</b>	<b>Issue area</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>
Canada	Unclear on why HBB is included here	It is unclear why HBB is included in a document focused predominantly on BDEs. Since the two substances are quite different, they may be better treated in separate documents.	HBB was included to provide parties with a quick overview of HBB former uses and relevance for the inventory purpose, mainly because it was also used as flame retardant in similar articles. The revised version still includes HBB text. Further advice on how to proceed is needed.
Canada	Ensure information is always properly referenced	There are several sections that lack references and/or do not use sufficient scientific studies to support the validity of the findings.	The document has been produced and reviewed by various experts in the frame of a GEF medium-sized project. The Secretariat does not have information as to the sources of information used when initially developing the guidance. Substantive information needs to be made available to the Secretariat to address this comment.
Canada	Be careful not to imply convention obligations	Many sentences in this document are written in a manner that could imply the existence of Party obligations in areas where there are none. The language used in these cases should be adjusted.	Addressed in those places signaled by the comments provided by Canada in the guidance document.
Mexico		We consider that the guidance to develop, update and review NIPs will be of great help, however, we believe that a successful implementation of the NIP and its action plans is complex. It depends on the institutional capacity, high political support and stakeholders' commitment and also it depends on assigning the adequate resources. <sup>2</sup>	

<sup>1</sup> Decision SC-6/12 requests the Secretariat, subject to availability of resources, to integrate parties' comments into the draft guidance and to forward the waste-related content of the draft guidance to the appropriate bodies of the Basel Convention.

<sup>2</sup> The paragraph was translated by the Secretariat, no official translation was made.

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Monaco		We don't have any comments on the draft guidance on inventories of polybrominated diphenyl ethers listed under the Stockholm Convention	
UK		With reference to the third (3) request for comments on the revised/updated and additional guidance on implementation plans, I regret that we have been unable to consult widely and can only offer our comments in respect of our experience of having recently prepared the UK's second National Implementation Plan. In this respect the documents provide the appropriate level of detail to guide the administrative, resource and technical needs which need to be considered to set up the structures necessary for effective implementation of the requirements of the Stockholm Convention. Both the strategic governance and practical implementation needs are well covered. The importance of stakeholder engagement is usefully stressed, as is the need for appropriate application of project management tools. It is clear that advanced as well as developing economies can benefit from the content which provides useful reference material at the heart of which is the importance of considering local circumstances/resources when developing and implementing compliance requirements.	