

POPRC-15/1: Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds

The Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee,

Having concluded in its decision POPRC-13/3 that the screening criteria set out in Annex D to the Stockholm Convention have been fulfilled for perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (CAS No. 355-46-4, PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds,

Having evaluated the risk profile for perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds at its fourteenth meeting¹ in accordance with paragraph 6 of Article 8 of the Convention,

Having decided in its decision POPRC-14/1 that perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds are likely, as a result of their long-range environmental transport, to lead to significant adverse human health and environmental effects such that global action is warranted,

Having completed the risk management evaluation for perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds in accordance with paragraph 7 (a) of Article 8 of the Stockholm Convention,

Recognizing that a transition to the use of short-chain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs) for dispersive applications, such as fire-fighting foams, is not a suitable option from an environmental and human health point of view,

1. *Adopts* the risk management evaluation for perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds;²

2. *Decides*, in accordance with paragraph 9 of Article 8 of the Convention, to recommend to the Conference of the Parties that it consider listing perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds in Annex A to the Convention without specific exemptions;

3. *Notes* that in order to support Parties and observers and to facilitate the identification of substances, an initial indicative list of perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds has been prepared as set out in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.15/INF/9;

4. *Recommends* to the Conference of the Parties, should it decide to list perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds, that it establish a process for the identification of substances covered by such a listing, taking into account the process established for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds as set out in paragraphs 7 to 9 of decision SC-9/13.

¹ UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/6/Add.1.

² UNEP/POPS/POPRC.15/7/Add.1.