

POPRC-6/3: Updating of the Basel Convention technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of persistent organic pollutants

The Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee

1. *Recommends* that, with regard to the chemicals newly listed in Annexes A, B and C to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants by amendments to the Convention, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention invite the appropriate bodies of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal:

(a) To establish the levels of destruction and irreversible transformation of these chemicals necessary to ensure that the characteristics of persistent organic pollutants as specified in paragraph 1 of Annex D to the Stockholm Convention are not exhibited;

(b) To determine what they consider to be the methods that constitute environmentally sound disposal referred to in paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Stockholm Convention;

(c) To work to establish, as appropriate, the concentration levels of these chemicals in order to define the low persistent organic pollutant content referred to in paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Convention;

2. *Also recommends* that the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention make the following documents available to the appropriate bodies of the Basel Convention to support their work:

(a) The technical paper developed in accordance with paragraph 3 of the annex to decision SC-4/19;¹

(b) The information gathered in accordance with paragraph 1 of the annex to decision SC-4/19;²

(c) The recommendations of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee on the elimination of brominated diphenyl ethers from the waste stream and on risk reduction for perfluorooctane sulfonate, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride prepared in accordance with paragraph 5 (c) of the annex to decision SC-4/19;³

3. *Further recommends* that the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention invite the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention to consider the involvement of members of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee in the work referred to in paragraph 1 above, including the updating of the general technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants.

1 UNEP/POPS/POPRC.6/2/Rev.1.

2 UNEP/POPS/POPRC.6/INF/5.

3 UNEP/POPS/POPRC.6/13, annex I, decision POPRC-6/2.