



Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

اتفاقية استكهولم بشأن الملوثات العضوية الثابتة · 关于持久性有机污染物的斯德哥尔摩公约 · Convention de Stockholm sur les polluants organiques persistants
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Subject: Invitation to provide information related to quantities of a chemical occurring as unintentional trace contaminants in products and articles

Dear Sir/Madam,

The text of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutant has provisions related to quantities of a chemical occurring as unintentional trace contaminants in products and articles.

In **Note (i) of Part I of Annex A as well as Annex B**, it states that: "(i) Except as otherwise specified in this Convention, quantities of a chemical occurring as unintentional trace contaminants in products and articles shall not be considered to be listed in this Annex.

The Secretariat has received a letter from a Party (the European Commission) on 25 February 2010 inquiring how Note (i) in Part I of Annex A and B of the Convention should be applied to the newly listed persistent organic pollutants. This technical concern will be forwarded to the POPs Review Committee for an initial discussion at its sixth meeting to be held on 11-15 October 2010 in Geneva.

In order to facilitate the work of the Committee, we would like to invite you to provide us with the following information:

1. How your national regulation defines unintentional trace contaminants in products and articles; and
2. Your experience in applying this clause in practice.

This information will be compiled as an information document (INF) for the sixth meeting of the Committee. Please send the information to the Secretariat by e-mail (kohno@pops.int and ssc@pops.int) by **15 September 2010**.

If you have any further questions regarding this invitation, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Kei Ohno (e-mail: kohno@pops.int; telephone +41 22 917 8201).

Yours sincerely,

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