

**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 submit comments to the POPs Review Committee on the draft risk management evaluation on hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD)

The sixth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee of the Stockholm Convention took place from 11 to 15 October 2010, in Geneva. The report of the meeting (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.6/13) is available on the Convention's website: <http://www.pops.int/poprc/>.

In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 8 of the Convention, the Committee examined the risk profile of hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD).

The Committee decided that HBCD is likely, as a result of its long-range environmental transport, to lead to significant adverse human health and/or environmental effects such that global action is warranted and that it should proceed with the development of a risk management evaluation.

In accordance with paragraph 7 (a) of Article 8 of the Convention, the Committee invited Parties and observers to submit information specified in Annex F and the intersessional working group prepared the attached draft risk management evaluation.

The risk management evaluation will be used together with the risk profile by the Committee as the basis for its recommendation to the Conference of the Parties on whether the chemical should be considered for listing in Annex A, B, and/or C.

You are invited **to review the attached draft risk management evaluation on HBCD and to submit your comments** to the POPs Review Committee no later than **30 May 2011**.

Submissions are most appreciated in electronic files by e-mail to: ssc@pops.int and kohno@pops.int.

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If you have any further questions regarding this invitation or if you would like to receive hard copies of the documents from the POPs Review Committee, 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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Attachment