

(4) Request for information on brominated diphenyl ethers (BDE) and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (PFOSF)

Decision: POPRC-8/11: Work programme on brominated diphenyl ethers and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride, and evaluation of the implementation of the Stockholm Convention for those chemicals

Background:

By decision SC-5/5, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention invited parties to submit information on their experiences in implementing the Committee's recommendations on brominated diphenyl ethers (BDEs) and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (PFOSF) set out in the annex to decision POPRC-6/2, and requested the Secretariat to compile the information received for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting.

By decision SC-5/8, the Conference of the Parties requested the Secretariat, with advice from relevant experts, to develop a process to enable the Conference of the Parties at its sixth and every second ordinary meeting thereafter to evaluate parties' progress in achieving the ultimate objective of eliminating BDEs and to review the continued need for the specific exemption for those chemicals in accordance with paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Convention.

The Committee considered the two decisions and requested the Secretariat to use the form revised at its seventh meeting to collect from parties the information on BDEs pursuant to paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Convention and on their experience in implementing the Committee's recommendations on BDEs and PFOS, its salts and PFOSF.

By the letter dated 5 December 2011 from the Secretariat, Parties were invited to submit the information by 31 July 2012. At its eighth meeting, the Committee requested the Secretariat to continue to collect the information and compile it for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting.

Request:

- Parties and observers are invited to submit the information on BDEs pursuant to paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Convention and on their experience in implementing the Committee's recommendations on BDEs and PFOS, its salts and PFOSF set out in the annex to decision POPRC-6/2.

Method of submission:

- Please use **form-3: format for BDE and PFOS**. The form is attached to the letter and available on the Stockholm Convention's website under POPRC-8 section (www.pops.int).
- Please submit the information to the Secretariat by e-mail (ssc@pops.int / mhim@pops.int) or by Fax (+41 22 917 8098).

Deadline for submission:

- **6 November 2012**