

**Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants**

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Subject: Information requests in follow up to the decisions taken by the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee at its eighth meeting

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that at its eighth meeting held in Geneva from 15 to 19 October 2012, the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee agreed on the decisions contained in annex I to the report of the meeting, document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.8/16. The report will be available on the Stockholm Convention's website: www.pops.int.

This letter is to solicit information requested in the decisions adopted by the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee. To facilitate response, attached are the individual requests organized according to the decisions.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kei Ohno, Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention (e-mail: kohno@pops.int; tel. +41 22 917 8201; fax: +41 22 917 8098).

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments:

- Follow up to the decisions taken by the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee
- Form-1: Annex F information
- Form-2: Annex E information
- Form-3: Format for BDE and PFOS

To: Stockholm Convention official contact points
Stockholm Convention national focal points

Cc: Representatives of permanent missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva

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(1) Request for information specified in Annex F for chlorinated naphthalenes

Decision: POPRC-8/1: Chlorinated naphthalenes

Background:

At its eighth meeting, the Committee adopted the risk profile for chlorinated naphthalenes and decided, in accordance with paragraph 7 (a) of Article 8 of the Convention, that dichlorinated naphthalenes, trichlorinated naphthalenes, tetrachlorinated naphthalenes, pentachlorinated naphthalenes, hexachlorinated naphthalenes, heptachlorinated naphthalenes and octachlorinated naphthalene, 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.

The Committee established an ad hoc working group to prepare a risk management evaluation that includes an analysis of possible control measures for chlorinated naphthalenes in accordance with Annex F to the Convention.

The Committee invited parties and observers to submit to the Secretariat the information specified in Annex F before 11 January 2013, as well as additional information relevant to Annex E in particular data on sources of emissions such as the production of chlorinated naphthalenes and/or unintentional releases.

The risk profile for chlorinated naphthalenes is set out in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.8/16/Add.1 and will be available on the Stockholm Convention's website under POPRC-8 section (www.pops.int).

Request:

- Parties and observers are invited to submit to the Secretariat the information specified in Annex F for chlorinated naphthalenes.
- Parties and observers are also invited to submit to the Secretariat additional information relevant to Annex E in particular data on sources of emissions such as the production of chlorinated naphthalenes and/or unintentional releases.

Method of submission:

- Please use **form-1: Annex F information**. 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 / kohno@pops.int) or by Fax (+41 22 917 8098).

Deadline for submission:

- **11 January 2013**

(2) Request for information specified in Annex F for hexachlorobutadiene

Decision: POPRC-8/2: Hexachlorobutadiene

Background:

At its eighth meeting, the Committee adopted the risk profile for hexachlorobutadiene and decided, in accordance with paragraph 7 (a) of Article 8 of the Convention, that hexachlorobutadiene is likely, as a result of its long-range environmental transport, to lead to significant adverse human health and environmental effects such that global action is warranted.

The Committee established an ad hoc working group to prepare a risk management evaluation that includes an analysis of possible control measures for hexachlorobutadiene in accordance with Annex F to the Convention.

The Committee invited parties and observers to submit to the Secretariat the information specified in Annex F before 11 January 2013, as well as additional information relevant to Annex E in particular data on sources of emissions such as the production of hexachlorobutadiene and/or unintentional releases.

The risk profile for hexachlorobutadiene is set out in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.8/16/Add.2 and will be available on the Stockholm Convention's website under POPRC-8 section (www.pops.int).

Request:

- Parties and observers are invited to submit to the Secretariat the information specified in Annex F for hexachlorobutadiene.
- Parties and observers are also invited to submit to the Secretariat additional information relevant to Annex E in particular data on sources of emissions such as the production of hexachlorobutadiene and/or unintentional releases.

Method of submission:

- Please use **form-1: Annex F information**. 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 / kohno@pops.int) or by Fax (+41 22 917 8098).

Deadline for submission:

- **11 January 2013**

(3) Request for information specified in Annex E for pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters

Decision: POPRC-8/4: Pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters

Background:

At its eighth meeting, having examined the proposal by the European Union and its member States parties to the Stockholm Convention to list pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention and having applied the screening criteria specified in Annex D to the Convention, the Committee decided, in accordance with paragraph 4 (a) of Article 8 of the Convention, that it is satisfied that the screening criteria have been fulfilled for pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters.

The Committee established an ad hoc working group to review the proposal further and to prepare a draft risk profile in accordance with Annex E to the Convention and invited parties and observers to submit to the Secretariat the information specified in Annex E before 11 January 2013.

Request:

- Parties and observers are invited to submit to the Secretariat the information specified in Annex E for pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters.

Method of submission:

- Please use **form-2, Annex E information**. 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 / kohno@pops.int) or by Fax (+41 22 917 8098).

Deadline for submission:

- **11 January 2013**

(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**

(5) Request for information on short-chained chlorinated paraffins

Reference: Proposal on next steps for short-chained chlorinated paraffins¹

Background:

At its eighth meeting, the Committee discussed the draft risk profile (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.8/6) and proposed conclusions, but was unable to reach consensus either to move the chemical to the Annex F phase or to set the proposal aside.

To facilitate discussion and decision-making on short-chained chlorinated paraffins, the Committee agreed to establish an intersessional working group:

- (a) To discuss the application of the criteria specified in Annex E to the Stockholm Convention to short-chained chlorinated paraffins;
- (b) To consider any new information that may be submitted to the Committee;
- (c) To revise the relevant parts of the draft risk profile intersessionally on the basis of the results of the activities mentioned in subparagraphs (a) and (b) above.

The revised draft risk profile will be presented to the Committee at its eleventh meeting for its consideration.

Request:

- Parties and observers are invited to any new information that would facilitate discussion and decision-making by the Committee on short-chained chlorinated paraffins.

Method of submission:

- Please submit the information to the Secretariat by e-mail (ssc@pops.int / kohno@pops.int) or by Fax (+41-22-917-8098).

Deadline for submission:

- **Any time**

¹ Report of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee on the work of its eighth meeting, UNEP/POPS/POPRC.8/16, Annex IV.