

## **(1) Request for information on alternatives to the use of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts, perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride and their related chemicals**

Decision: POPRC-9/5: Process for the evaluation of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride for the various acceptable purposes and specific exemptions

### Background:

In paragraph 3 of decision SC-6/4, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention requested the Committee and the Secretariat to prepare a report on the assessment of alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (PFOSF) to assist the Conference of the Parties in undertaking at its seventh meeting the evaluation of the continued need for PFOS, its salts and PFOSF for the various acceptable purposes and specific exemptions contained in Annex B to the Convention.

By decision POPRC-9/5, the Committee agreed on the terms of reference to undertake the activities as requested by the Conference of the Parties and established an intersessional working group. Among other things, the Secretariat was requested to collect information on alternatives to PFOS, its salts, PFOSF and their related chemicals, from parties and observers, using a format adopted by the Committee.

### Request:

- Parties and observers are invited to submit the information on alternatives to PFOS, its salts, PFOSF and their related chemicals.

### Method of submission:

- Please use **form-3: format for the collection of information on alternatives to the use of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts, perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride and their related chemicals**. The form is attached to the letter and available on the Stockholm Convention's website under POPRC-9 section ([www.pops.int](http://www.pops.int)).
- Please submit the information to the Secretariat by e-mail ([poprc@brsmeas.org](mailto:poprc@brsmeas.org)) or by fax (+41 22 917 8098).

### Deadline for submission:

- **31 January 2014<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> The deadline set out in decision SC-6/4 is **March 2014**; parties and observers are invited to submit information by **31 January 2014** to facilitate timely implementation of the workplan for the assessment.