

**Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants**

التفاقية 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 persistents
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Subject: Reminder of the requests from the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention as a follow-up to the fourth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee of the Stockholm Convention

Dear Colleagues,

The fourth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee took place on 13-17 October 2008 in Geneva. The report of the meeting is available at the Convention website: <http://www.pops.int/poprc/>.

1. Deadline for submission of information specified in Annex E of the Stockholm Convention on endosulfan

In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 8 of the Convention, the Committee examined at its fourth meeting the proposal submitted by the European Community and its Member States that are Parties to the Convention to list endosulfan under Annex A, B, or C of the Convention.

The Committee decided at its fourth meeting that it was satisfied that the screening criteria in Annex D had been fulfilled for endosulfan. As a follow-up to this decision the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention sent a letter dated 24 October 2008 inviting Parties and observers to submit information specified in Annex E of the Convention in order to collect information necessary to prepare a draft risk profile for endosulfan.

The deadline for submissions in English is **9 January 2008** and we encourage Parties and observers to the Stockholm Convention to respond to this important request. The submission forms with explanatory notes, as well as the initial proposal for endosulfan, the verification of this proposal by the Secretariat, and the Committee's decision on the Annex D screening can be found at the Convention's website: <http://www.pops.int/poprc/>.

We would be most grateful to receive the required information in English preferably by e-mail to: ssc@pops.int. Should this not be possible, please forward hard copies or CDs to:

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2. Extension of the deadline to submit issues that Parties may wish to raise at the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

The Secretariat communicated the recommendations of the POPs Review Committee on listing of new chemicals in a letter dated 29 October 2008 and invited Parties to submit any relevant issue that they may wish to raise at the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties by 1 December 2008. However, due to the limited time available, some Parties expressed difficulties in consulting with the vast stakeholders group and submitting feedback before the deadline. Given the situation and the importance of national initiatives, we would like to inform you that the deadline for submissions will be extended to **15 February 2009**.

The risk profiles, risk management evaluations as well as other background information including the recommendations by the POPs Review Committee have been placed on the website of the Stockholm Convention (<http://www.pops.int/poprc/>). Please contact the Secretariat should you need any additional information.

3. Call for nomination of national experts to be added to a roster of experts for the POPs Review Committee

In accordance with decision SC-1/7 of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the POPs Review Committee may invite experts who are not members of the Committee to support it in its work. A roster of experts on issues of relevance to the POPs Review Committee has been established for this purpose by the Secretariat, and Parties to the Stockholm Convention are invited to nominate national experts to be included into this roster.

Further to the request sent to Parties by a letter dated 12 November 2008, nominations of national experts on environmental persistence for, especially **hexabromocyclododecane (HBCDD)**, and on toxicology, ecotoxicology and environmental monitoring of **short chained chlorinated paraffins (SCCPs)** are encouraged for the fifth meeting of the POPs Review Committee to be held in Geneva from 12 to 16 October 2009. Should you wish to propose candidate experts, please send the information to the Secretariat including a CV of the nominated individual, as well as his or her relevant field of expertise.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Fatoumata Keita Ouane (e-mail: fouane@pops.int, telephone: +41 22 917 8161).

Yours sincerely,



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