

## **5. Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants**

**Decision:** BC-13/4: Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants

### **Background:**

In decision BC-13/4, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, adopted the non-legally binding technical guidelines listed below, and invited Parties and others to use the technical guidelines, and to submit comments on their experience in doing so:

- Updated general technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants;<sup>1</sup>
- Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with hexachlorobutadiene;<sup>2</sup>
- Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters;<sup>3</sup>
- Updated technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls, polychlorinated terphenyls, polychlorinated naphthalenes or polybrominated biphenyls, including hexabromobiphenyl;<sup>4</sup>
- Updated technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes containing or contaminated with unintentionally produced polychlorinated dibenzo-*p*-dioxins, polychlorinated dibenzofurans, hexachlorobenzene, polychlorinated biphenyls, pentachlorobenzene or polychlorinated naphthalenes;<sup>5</sup>
- Updated technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with the pesticides aldrin, alpha hexachlorocyclohexane, beta hexachlorocyclohexane, chlordane, chlordecone, dieldrin, endrin, heptachlor, hexachlorobenzene, hexachlorobutadiene, lindane, mirex, pentachlorobenzene, pentachlorophenol and its salts, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, technical endosulfan and its related isomers or toxaphene, or with hexachlorobenzene as an industrial chemical;<sup>6</sup>

The Conference of the Parties also extended the mandate of the small intersessional working group to provide that the group shall monitor and assist in the review, updating and preparation, as appropriate, of technical guidelines regarding persistent organic pollutants, working in particular by electronic means.

Furthermore, the Conference of the Parties decided to continue working towards a review of provisional low persistent organic pollutant content values in the technical guidelines before its fourteenth meeting, and invited Parties and others to submit comments on the low persistent organic pollutant content values included in the technical guidelines, as well as the low persistent organic pollutant content values applied at the national level at least three months prior to the eleventh meeting of the Open-ended Working Group.

Finally, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties and organizations to consider taking the lead in the updating of the general technical guidelines and the preparation or updating of specific technical guidelines with regard to the chemicals listed in Annexes A and C to the Stockholm Convention by decisions SC-8/10–SC-8/12 of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention.

### **Follow up:**

	<b>Calls for information</b>	<b>Respondents</b>	<b>Methods of submission</b>	<b>Deadlines for submission</b>
(a)	Parties and others are invited to use the technical guidelines referred to in paragraph 2 of decision BC-13/4, and to submit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parties</li> <li>• Others</li> </ul>	Please make submissions to the Secretariat	No later than two months before COP-14, i.e.

<sup>1</sup> UNEP/CHW.13/6/Add.1/Rev.1.

<sup>2</sup> UNEP/CHW.13/6/Add.2/Rev.1.

<sup>3</sup> UNEP/CHW.13/6/Add.3/Rev.1.

<sup>4</sup> UNEP/CHW.13/6/Add.4/Rev.1.

<sup>5</sup> UNEP/CHW.13/6/Add.5/Rev.1.

<sup>6</sup> UNEP/CHW.13/6/Add.6/Rev.1.

	through the Secretariat comments of their experience in doing so.		via the contact point provided below.	<b>28 February 2019</b>
(b)	Parties and others are invited to submit to the Secretariat comments on the low persistent organic pollutant content values included in the updated general technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants and other technical guidelines, as appropriate, and related information, including on studies, taking into account relevant information available under the Stockholm Convention.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parties</li> <li>• Others</li> </ul>	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	No later than three months in advance of OEWG-11, i.e. <b>4 June 2018</b>
(c)	Parties and others are invited to submit the low persistent organic pollutant content values applied at the national level.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parties</li> <li>• Others</li> </ul>	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	No later than three months in advance of OEWG-11, i.e. <b>4 June 2018</b>
(d)	Parties and organizations are invited to indicate to the Secretariat their willingness to take the lead in updating or preparing the technical guidelines referred to in paragraph 13 of decision BC-13/4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parties</li> <li>• Organizations</li> </ul>	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	<b>31 August 2017</b>

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