

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

Decision: BC-14/4: Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants

Background:

In decision BC-14/4, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, adopted the 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;¹
- Updated technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether, or tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether or decabromodiphenyl ether;²
- 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, polychlorinated naphthalenes or hexachlorobutadiene;³
- Updated technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with hexachlorobutadiene;⁴
- Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with short-chain chlorinated paraffins;⁵

The Conference of the Parties also extended the mandate of the small intersessional working group established by paragraph 9 of decision OEWG-I/4 to provide that the group shall monitor and assist in the review, updating and preparation, as appropriate, of technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants.

In addition, the Conference of the Parties decided to update the general technical guidelines referred to above and the specific technical guidelines with regard to the chemicals listed in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention by decisions SC-9/11 and SC-9/12 of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention and to the amendment of the listing of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (PFOSF) in Annex B to the Stockholm Convention by decision SC-9/4 to be included in the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for the period 2020–2021.

Follow up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties and observers are invited to submit to the Secretariat comments on the low persistent organic pollutant content values included in the general technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants ⁶ , and other technical	Parties Observers	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	Three months in advance of the twelfth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, i.e. 23 March 2020

¹ UNEP/CHW.14/7/Add.1/Rev.1.

² UNEP/CHW.14/7/Add.3/Rev.1.

³ UNEP/CHW.14/7/Add.4/Rev.1.

⁴ UNEP/CHW.14/7/Add.5/Rev.1.

⁵ UNEP/CHW.14/7/Add.2/Rev.1.

⁶ UNEP/CHW.14/7/Add.1/Rev.1.

	guidelines, as appropriate, and related information, including on studies, taking into account relevant information available in the Stockholm Convention.			
(b)	Parties and others are encouraged to develop and use methods, including screening methods, that are validated and suitable for industrial-scale use for the sampling and analysis of persistent organic pollutant content in waste, in particular of hexaBDE and heptaBDE, tetraBDE and pentaBDE, and decaBDE content in waste in the range between 50mg/kg and 1,000mg/kg.	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	No deadline specified; information to be submitted as soon as possible.
(c)	Parties and relevant organizations are invited to indicate to the Secretariat their willingness to take the lead in updating the following technical guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The general technical guidelines, taking into account decisions SC-9/11, SC-9/12 and SC-9/4; • The technical guidelines on perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride to reflect the amendment of the listing of PFOS, its salts and PFOSF in Annex B and to include perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds, taking into account decisions SC-9/4 and SC-9/5, respectively; • The 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 to include dicofol, taking into account decision SC-9/11. 	Parties Relevant organizations	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 August 2019

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