

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

Decision: BC-15/6: Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants

Background:

In decision BC-15/6, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, adopted the technical guidelines listed below:

- General technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants;¹
- Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (PFOSF) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds;²
- Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with the pesticides aldrin, alpha hexachlorocyclohexane, beta hexachlorocyclohexane, chlordane, chlordecone, dicofol, dieldrin, endrin, heptachlor, hexachlorobenzene, hexachlorobutadiene, lindane, mirex, pentachlorobenzene, pentachlorophenol and its salts, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride, technical endosulfan and its related isomers or toxaphene or with hexachlorobenzene as an industrial chemical.³

The Conference of the Parties decided to continue working towards a review of provisional low persistent organic pollutant content values in the general technical guidelines and other technical guidelines, as appropriate, before the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. It also decided to update the general technical guidelines and the specific technical guidelines with regard to the chemicals listed in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention by decision SC-10/13 of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention.

Follow-up:

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| (a) | 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 ⁴ and other technical guidelines, as appropriate, and related information, including on studies, taking into account relevant information available in the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants; | Parties Observers | 30 October 2022 |
| (b) | Comments on the parts enclosed in square brackets in section IV.G.2 (e) of the general technical guidelines on cement kiln co-incineration; | Parties Observers | 30 October 2022 |
| (c) | Comments on additional guidance for section IV.G.4 of the general technical guidelines on other disposal methods when the persistent organic pollutant content is low; | Parties Observers | 30 October 2022 |
| (d) | Information on further or updated examples of national legislation for inclusion in annex II to the general technical | Parties Observers | 30 October 2022 |

¹ UNEP/CHW.15/6/Add.1/Rev.1.

² UNEP/CHW.15/6/Add.2/Rev.1.

³ UNEP/CHW.15/6/Add.3/Rev.1.

⁴ UNEP/CHW.15/6/Add.1/Rev.1.

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| | guidelines, including on any concentration limits, as well as links to online sources where such legislation can be found; | | |
| (e) | Parties and relevant organizations are encouraged to indicate to the Secretariat their willingness to take the lead in updating the following technical guidelines: (a) The general technical guidelines, taking into account decision SC-10/13; (b) Technical guidelines on perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds, to include perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds, taking into account decision SC-10/13. | Parties and relevant organizations | 31 July 2022 |

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