

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

**Decision:** BC-16/3: Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants

**Background:**

The Conference of the Parties adopted the technical guidelines listed below:

- (a) General technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants;<sup>2</sup>
- (b) 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), perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA related compounds, and perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS related compounds.<sup>3</sup>

The Conference of the Parties decided to extend the mandate of the small intersessional working group established by paragraph 9 of decision OEWG-I/4 and to include the updating of the general technical guidelines and the preparation or updating of specific technical guidelines with regard to the chemicals listed in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention by decisions SC-11/9, SC-11/10 and SC-11/11 in the work programme of the Open ended Working Group for the period 2024–2025.

The Conference of the Parties also decided to continue working towards a review of the provisional low persistent organic pollutant content values, as appropriate, before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

**Follow-up:**

	<b>Calls for information</b>	<b>Respondents</b>	<b>Deadlines for submission</b>
(a)	Parties and observers are invited to submit comments on the low persistent organic pollutant content values included in the general technical guidelines <sup>4</sup> and in other technical guidelines, as appropriate; and examples of waste streams with low persistent organic pollutant content values above or below the values applied at the national level, along with related information, including on studies, taking into account relevant information available in the Stockholm Convention.	Parties Observers	30 October 2023
(b)	Parties are invited to indicate to the Secretariat their willingness to take the lead in updating or preparing the following technical guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The general technical guidelines, taking into account decisions SC-11/9, SC-11/10 and SC-11/11;</li> <li>(b) The 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 to include Dechlorane Plus, taking into account decision SC-11/10;</li> <li>(c) The technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated</li> </ul>	Parties	31 August 2023

<sup>2</sup> UNEP/CHW.16/6/Add.1/Rev.1.

<sup>3</sup> UNEP/CHW.16/6/Add.2/Rev.1.

<sup>4</sup> UNEP/CHW.16/6/Add.1/Rev.1.

	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 to include methoxychlor, taking into account decision SC-11/9; (d) New technical guidelines on UV-328, taking into account decision SC-11/11.		
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