

**Questions and Answers during the webinar sessions on “Briefing on the tenth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee (CRC) and the tenth meeting of the POPs Review Committee (POPRC)”**

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Are there any documents available on the decisions of POPRC on short chained chlorinated paraffins and chlorinated naphthalenes that can be made available for the members of CRC, who are reviewing the same chemicals during the tenth meeting of the ?

Relevant documents will be linked in the websites of the Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions. For easy reference, these will also be made available during CRC10

In particular, the POPRC8 considered draft risk profiles of chlorinated naphthalenes, and a revised draft risk profile of short-chained chlorinated paraffins. Relevant documents are: UNEP/POPS/POPRC.8/6: Short-chained chlorinated paraffins and UNEP/POPS/POPRC.8/16: Report of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee on the work of its eighth meeting and UNEP/POPS/POPRC.8/16/Add.1: Risk profile on chlorinated naphthalenes.

Regarding short chained chlorinated paraffins, POPRC8 decided that an Intersessional working group would commence its work in the period between the tenth and eleventh meetings of the Committee and would consider any new evidence pertaining to short-chained chlorinated paraffins that might be submitted to the Committee and would revise the relevant parts of the draft risk profile intersessionally based on any such information. The draft risk profile as revised by the intersessional working group would be presented to the Committee at its eleventh meeting for its consideration.

As for chlorinated naphthalenes, the POPRC8 adopted the risk profile (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.8/16/Add.1) and requested information to develop a draft risk management evaluation to be submitted to POPRC9 for consideration. At POPRC9 the risk management evaluation was adopted (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.9/13/Add.1: Report of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee on the work of its ninth meeting: risk management evaluation on chlorinated naphthalenes).

On the basis of the risk management evaluation, POPRC9 adopted decision POPRC9/1 where it recommended to the Conference of the Parties, at its seventh meeting, to consider listing chlorinated naphthalene in Annexes A and C to the Convention.