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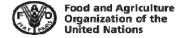


Briefing on the fourteenth meeting of the POPs Review Committee

Rome, 17-21 September 2018

Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions







Fourteenth meeting of the POPs Review Committee (POPRC-14)

- 17-21 September 2018, at FAO headquarters, in Rome
- Chair: Ms. Estefania Gastaldello Moreira (Brazil)



- In the six UN official languages; no premeetings
- Organization of work:
 - Provisional agenda: UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/1
 - Annotated agenda: UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/1/Add.1
 - Scenario note: UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/INF/1
 - Tentative schedule: UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/INF/2
- Meeting website: <u>www.pops.int/poprc14</u>



Consideration of a draft risk profile on PFHxS, its salts and PFHxS-related compounds



- PFHxS, its salts and PFHxS-related compounds:
 - Used as effective surfactants and/or surface protector including
 - (1) AFFFs for firefighting; (2) metal plating; (3) textiles, leather, upholstery; (4) polishing agents, cleaning agents; (5) coatings; (6) electronics/semiconductors; (7) pesticides; (8) flame retardants
- POPRC-14 may:
 - Adopt, with any amendments, the risk profile, and decide whether the chemicals are POPs that global action is warranted
 - Establish an intersessional working group to prepare a draft risk management evaluation and invite Parties and observers to submit Annex F information on socio economic consideration on possible control measures

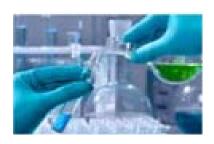


Consideration of a recommendation on listing of PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds

- Used in a wide variety of applications and consumer products across many sectors, e.g. non-stick kitchen ware, stain resistant textiles, firefighting foams
- POPRC-13 recommended COP to consider listing PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds in Annex A or B to the Convention with specific exemptions and requested further assessment of information intersessionally
- POPRC-14 may:
 - Review the report on the assessment of the additional information on the chemicals;
 - Consider strengthening its recommendation on the listing of PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds



Evaluation of PFOS, its salts and PFOSF



- Stockholm COP-9 in 2019 will undertake the evaluation of the continued need for various acceptable purposes and specific exemptions for PFOS, its salts and PFOSF (e.g. fire-fighting foam, semiconductor, photo-imaging, metal plating)
- POPRC-14 may:
 - Complete the assessment of alternatives to PFOS, its salts and PFOSF;
 - Review the draft report prepared by the Secretariat on the evaluation of PFOS, its salts and PFOSF;
 - Make recommendations to the COP on the continued need of various exemptions for PFOS, its salts and PFOSF

Other items

- Rotation of the membership
 - Newly nominated members starting their terms in May 2018 and upcoming nomination of new members at COP-9
- Report of activities for effective participation in the work of the Committee
- Workplan for the intersessional period
- Other matters
 - Outlines of risk profiles and RMEs
 - Updates to the work on "From Science to Action"

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