

**Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants**

اتفاقية استكهولم بشأن الملوثات العضوية الثابتة · 关于持久性有机污染物的斯德哥尔摩公约 · Convention de Stockholm sur les polluants organiques persistants  
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**Subject:** Invitation to submit additional information related to quantities of a chemical occurring as unintentional trace contaminants in products and articles

The text of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutant has provisions related to quantities of a chemical occurring as unintentional trace contaminants in products and articles.

In Note (i) of Part I of Annex A as well as Annex B, it states that: “(i) Except as otherwise specified in this Convention, quantities of a chemical occurring as unintentional trace contaminants in products and articles shall not be considered to be listed in this Annex.”

The Secretariat has received a letter from a Party (the European Commission) on 25 February 2010 inquiring how Note (i) in Part I of Annex A and B of the Convention should be applied to the newly listed persistent organic pollutants.

In order to facilitate initial discussions at the sixth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee, the Secretariat invited Parties and observers in August 2010 to provide information on this matter. Information was submitted by eleven Parties and two observers and is summarized in the attached document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.6/INF/19/Rev.1.

At its sixth meeting on 10-15 October 2010, the Committee decided in decision POPRC-6/11 that the compilation of information related to national regulations on unintentional trace contaminants in products and articles was useful for the implementation of the convention and could be revised with additional information received before 31 December 2010. The report of the meeting will be available at the Committee’s website: <http://www.pops.int/poprc/>.

You are therefore invited to review the attached document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.6/INF/19/Rev.1 and **provide any corrections or additional information** as listed below:

1. How your national regulation defines unintentional trace contaminants in products and articles; and
2. Your experience in applying this clause in practice.

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The information will be presented at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which will take place on 25-29 April 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland.

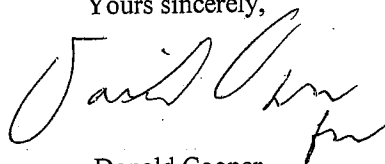
Please submit your information to the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention **before 31 December 2010** by e-mail to: [ssc@pops.int](mailto:ssc@pops.int) and [kohno@pops.int](mailto:kohno@pops.int).

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Yours sincerely,



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