

**Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants**

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**Subject: Information requests in follow up to the decisions taken by the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee at its ninth meeting**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that at its ninth meeting held in Rome from 14 to 18 October 2013, the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee adopted nine decisions contained in annex I to the report of the meeting set out in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.9/13. The report will be available on the Stockholm Convention's website: [www.pops.int](http://www.pops.int).

Among the nine decisions, the Committee recommended the Conference of the Parties to consider listing "hexachlorobutadiene" as well as "dichlorinated naphthalenes, trichlorinated naphthalenes, tetrachlorinated naphthalenes, pentachlorinated naphthalenes, hexachlorinated naphthalenes, heptachlorinated naphthalenes, and octachlorinated naphthalene" in Annexes A and C to the Convention. Further details on the Committee's recommendations will be communicated by a separate letter from the Secretariat in due course.

In addition, the Committee invited parties and others to provide information on chemicals under review and for its intersessional work. To facilitate your response, attached are the individual requests organized according to decision references and forms for submission.

Should you have any queries, please contact Ms. Kei Ohno Woodall, Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention (e-mail: [kei.ohno-woodall@brsmeas.org](mailto:kei.ohno-woodall@brsmeas.org); tel. +41 22 917 8201).

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Willis  
Executive Secretary

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**To: Stockholm Convention official contact points, national focal points**

**Cc: Representatives of permanent missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva**

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## **(1) Request for information specified in Annex F for pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters**

Decision: POPRC-9/3: Pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters

### Background:

By decision POPRC-9/3, the Committee adopted the risk profile for pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters and decided, in accordance with paragraph 7 (a) of Article 8 of the Convention, that pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters are likely, as a result of their long-range environmental transport, to lead to significant adverse human health and environmental effects such that global action is warranted.

The Committee established an intersessional working group to prepare a draft risk management evaluation that includes an analysis of possible control measures for pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters in accordance with Annex F to the Convention. The Committee invited parties and observers to submit to the Secretariat the information specified in Annex F before 10 January 2014.

The risk profile for pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters is set out in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.9/13/Add.1 and will be available on the Stockholm Convention's website under POPRC-9 section ([www.pops.int](http://www.pops.int)).

### Request:

- Parties and observers are invited to submit to the Secretariat the information specified in Annex F for pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters.

### Method of submission:

- Please use **form-1: Annex F information submission form**. The form is attached to the letter and available on the Stockholm Convention's website under POPRC-9 section ([www.pops.int](http://www.pops.int)).
- Please submit the information to the Secretariat by e-mail ([poprc@brsmeas.org](mailto:poprc@brsmeas.org)) or by fax (+41 22 917 8098).

### Deadline for submission:

- **10 January 2014**

## **(2) Request for information specified in Annex E for decabromodiphenyl ether (commercial mixture, c-decaBDE)**

Decision: POPRC-9/4: Decabromodiphenyl ether (commercial mixture, c-decaBDE)

### Background:

By decision POPRC-9/4, having examined the proposal by Norway to list decabromodiphenyl ether (commercial mixture, c-decaBDE) in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention and having applied the screening criteria specified in Annex D to the Convention, the Committee decided, in accordance with paragraph 4 (a) of Article 8 of the Convention, that it was satisfied that the screening criteria had been fulfilled for decabromodiphenyl ether (commercial mixture, c-decaBDE).

The Committee established an intersessional working group to review the proposal further and to prepare a draft risk profile in accordance with Annex E to the Convention and invited parties and observers to submit to the Secretariat the information specified in Annex E before 10 January 2014.

### Request:

- Parties and observers are invited to submit to the Secretariat the information specified in Annex E for decabromodiphenyl ether (commercial mixture, c-decaBDE).

### Method of submission:

- Please use **form-2, Annex E information submission form**. The form is attached to the letter and available on the Stockholm Convention's website under POPRC-9section ([www.pops.int](http://www.pops.int)).
- Please submit the information to the Secretariat by e-mail ([poprc@brsmeas.org](mailto:poprc@brsmeas.org)) or by fax (+41 22 917 8098).

### Deadline for submission:

- **10 January 2014**

### **(3) Request for information on alternatives to the use of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts, perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride and their related chemicals**

Decision: POPRC-9/5: Process for the evaluation of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride for the various acceptable purposes and specific exemptions

Background:

In paragraph 3 of decision SC-6/4, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention requested the Committee and the Secretariat to prepare a report on the assessment of alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (PFOSF) to assist the Conference of the Parties in undertaking at its seventh meeting the evaluation of the continued need for PFOS, its salts and PFOSF for the various acceptable purposes and specific exemptions contained in Annex B to the Convention.

By decision POPRC-9/5, the Committee agreed on the terms of reference to undertake the activities as requested by the Conference of the Parties and established an intersessional working group. Among other things, the Secretariat was requested to collect information on alternatives to PFOS, its salts, PFOSF and their related chemicals, from parties and observers, using a format adopted by the Committee.

Request:

- Parties and observers are invited to submit the information on alternatives to PFOS, its salts, PFOSF and their related chemicals.

Method of submission:

- Please use **form-3: format for the collection of information on alternatives to the use of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts, perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride and their related chemicals**. The form is attached to the letter and available on the Stockholm Convention's website under POPRC-9 section ([www.pops.int](http://www.pops.int)).
- Please submit the information to the Secretariat by e-mail ([poprc@brsmeas.org](mailto:poprc@brsmeas.org)) or by fax (+41 22 917 8098).

Deadline for submission:

- **31 January 2014<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> The deadline set out in decision SC-6/4 is **March 2014**; parties and observers are invited to submit information by **31 January 2014** to facilitate timely implementation of the workplan for the assessment.

#### **(4) Request for information on short-chained chlorinated paraffins**

Reference: Report of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee on the work of its eighth meeting, UNEP/POPS/POPRC.8/16, Annex IV (Proposal on next steps for short-chained chlorinated paraffins)

Background:

At its eighth meeting, the Committee discussed the draft risk profile (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.8/6) and proposed conclusions, but was unable to reach consensus either to move the chemical to the Annex F phase or to set the proposal aside.

In accordance with the proposal on next steps for short-chained chlorinated paraffins set out in annex IV to the report of the eighth meeting, the Committee will consider new information that may be submitted to the Committee and prepare a revised draft risk profile to be presented at its eleventh meeting (POPRC-11) in October 2015.

Request:

- Parties and observers are invited to submit any new information that would facilitate discussion and decision-making by the Committee on short-chained chlorinated paraffins.

Method of submission:

- Please submit the information to the Secretariat by e-mail ([poprc@brsmeas.org](mailto:poprc@brsmeas.org)) or by fax (+41 22 917 8098).

Deadline for submission:

- **As soon as possible<sup>2</sup>**

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<sup>2</sup> Parties and observers are encouraged to submit information on short-chained chlorinated paraffins before **31 July 2014** for consideration at POPRC-10, and before **10 January 2015** for inclusion in the draft risk profile to be presented at POPRC-11.