

POPRC-7/1: Hexabromocyclododecane

The Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee,

Having concluded in decision POPRC-5/6 that hexabromocyclododecane fulfils the criteria in Annex D to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants,

Having evaluated the risk profile for hexabromocyclododecane adopted by the Committee at its sixth meeting,¹

Having concluded that hexabromocyclododecane is likely, as a result of its long-range environmental transport, to lead to significant adverse human health and environmental effects such that global action is warranted,

Having completed the risk management evaluation for hexabromocyclododecane in accordance with paragraph 7 (a) of Article 8 of the Stockholm Convention,

1. *Adopts* the risk management evaluation for *hexabromocyclododecane*;²
2. *Decides*, in accordance with paragraph 9 of Article 8 of the Convention, to recommend to the Conference of the Parties that it consider listing hexabromocyclododecane in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention;
3. *Invites* the ad hoc working group on hexabromocyclododecane that prepared the risk management evaluation to collect further information on:
 - (a) Chemical alternatives to hexabromocyclododecane, especially in expanded polystyrene or extruded polystyrene foam applications, in terms of their availability, cost, efficacy, efficiency and health and environmental impact, especially with regard to their persistent organic pollutant properties;
 - (b) Production and use of hexabromocyclododecane, especially for expanded polystyrene or extruded polystyrene foam applications;
4. *Agrees* to review the additional information made available to it and to consider at its eighth meeting whether to specify the annex to the Convention and possible exemptions to be considered by the Conference of the Parties in listing hexabromocyclododecane.

1 UNEP/POPS/POPRC.6/13/Add.2.

2 UNEP/POPS/POPRC.7/19/Add.1.