

SC-5/8: Exemptions

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Approves* the forms for notification of specific exemptions, acceptable purposes and chemicals occurring as constituents of articles manufactured or already in use set out in annexes I–IV to the present decision and requests the Secretariat to continue to make them publicly available on the website of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;
2. *Reminds* any parties wishing to register for specific exemptions or acceptable purposes to do so by means of a notification in writing to the Secretariat;
3. *Requests* the Secretariat, taking into account decisions SC-4/19 and SC-5/5, and with advice from relevant experts:
 - (a) To develop a process to enable the Conference of the Parties at its sixth and every second ordinary meeting thereafter to evaluate parties' progress in achieving the ultimate objective of eliminating hexabromodiphenyl ether, heptabromodiphenyl ether, tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether and to review the continued need for the specific exemption for those chemicals in accordance with paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Convention;
 - (b) To prepare for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting a draft format for reporting by parties that use or produce perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride on the progress made in eliminating those chemicals in accordance with paragraph 3 of part III of Annex B to the Convention;
 - (c) To develop a process to enable the Conference of the Parties to evaluate the continued need for perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride for the various acceptable purposes and specific exemptions on the basis of available scientific, technical, environmental and economic information and to report on progress in that regard at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 6 of part III of Annex B to the Convention;
4. *Welcomes* the cooperation of the World Health Organization in developing reporting and reviewing requirements for the use of lindane as a human health pharmaceutical for the control of head lice and scabies;
5. *Takes note* of the Secretariat's report on the development of reporting and reviewing requirements for the use of lindane¹ and requests the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to take the lead in implementing the proposed activities, in cooperation with the World Health Organization, and to report to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting on progress in doing so;
6. *Invites* parties to facilitate the provision of information relating to the use of lindane, including through notifications of registration for specific exemptions;
7. *Encourages* those parties that may seek specific exemptions for future persistent organic pollutant chemicals to make efforts to introduce alternative measures as soon as possible and requests the Secretariat to establish a revised register as appropriate.

Annex I to decision SC-5/8**Form for notification of specific exemptions**

NOTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC EXEMPTION(S) FOR USE OF A CHEMICAL LISTED IN ANNEX A			
PARTY (COUNTRY NAME):			
The Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention is hereby notified of the registration for the following specific exemption(s) pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article 4 of the Convention.			
Chemical name			
Duration of the specific exemption(s) requested, if less than five years as provided by the Convention			
Specific exemption(s) requested for use as provided by the Convention			
Estimated quantity of annual use			
Reason(s) for specific exemption			
Remarks			
THIS NOTIFICATION IS SUBMITTED BY:			
Name			
Institution/Department			
Address			
Telephone		Fax	
E-mail address			
Signature		Date	dd/mm/yyyy
PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO:			
Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention International Environment House, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) 11-13, chemin des Anémones, CH-1219 Châtelaine, Geneva, Switzerland Fax: 41 22 917 8098 / E-mail: ssc@pops.int			

Annex II to decision SC-5/8

Form for notification of specific exemptions for perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride

NOTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC EXEMPTION(S) FOR PRODUCTION AND USE OF PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID, ITS SALTS AND PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE		
PARTY (COUNTRY NAME)		
The Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention is hereby notified of the registration for the following specific exemption(s) pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article 4 of the Convention.		
Activity (Please check as required)	<input type="checkbox"/> Production <input type="checkbox"/> Use	
Specific exemption(s) requested for use as provided by the Convention (Please check. Multiple choices are possible.)	For the following specific uses, or as an intermediate in the production of chemicals with the following specific uses: <input type="checkbox"/> Photo masks in the semiconductor and liquid crystal display (LCD) industries <input type="checkbox"/> Metal plating (hard metal plating) <input type="checkbox"/> Metal plating (decorative plating) <input type="checkbox"/> Electric and electronic parts for some colour printers and colour copy machines	<input type="checkbox"/> Insecticides for control of red imported fire ants and termites <input type="checkbox"/> Chemically driven oil production <input type="checkbox"/> Carpets <input type="checkbox"/> Leather and apparel <input type="checkbox"/> Textiles and upholstery <input type="checkbox"/> Paper and packaging <input type="checkbox"/> Coatings and coating additives <input type="checkbox"/> Rubber and plastics
Please specify the chemical name and/or its precursor,² if relevant (CAS No., trade name)		
Duration of the specific exemption(s) requested, if less than five years as provided by the Convention		
Reason(s) for specific exemption		
Remarks		

² The chemical name and/or its precursor could be either perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (CAS No: 1763-23-1), potassium perfluorooctane sulfonate (CAS No: 2795-39-3), lithium perfluorooctane sulfonate (CAS No: 29457-72-5), ammonium perfluorooctane sulfonate (CAS No: 29081-56-9), diethanolammonium perfluorooctane sulfonate (CAS No: 70225-14-8), tetraethylammonium perfluorooctane sulfonate (CAS No: 56773-42-3), didecyldimethylammonium perfluorooctane sulfonate (CAS No: 251099-16-8), perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (CAS No: 307-35-7) or other PFOS-related chemicals produced using one of the above-mentioned chemicals.

THIS NOTIFICATION IS SUBMITTED BY:

Name			
Institution/Department			
Address			
Telephone		Fax	
E-mail address			
Signature		Date	dd/mm/yy

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Annex III to decision SC-5/8

Form for notification of acceptable purposes for perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTABLE PURPOSE(S) FOR PRODUCTION AND USE OF PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID, ITS SALTS AND PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONYL FLUORIDE	
PARTY (COUNTRY NAME):	
Pursuant to paragraph 1 of part III to Annex B to the Stockholm Convention, the Secretariat of the Convention is hereby notified of the intention to produce and/or use perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride for acceptable purpose(s)	
Notification of production	Continuing?: yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> ; planned as from _____ (date)
Notification of use	Continuing?: yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> ; planned as from _____ (date)
Acceptable purpose(s) requested as provided by the Convention (Please check. Multiple choices are possible.)	In accordance with part III of Annex B for the following acceptable purposes, or as an intermediate in the production of chemicals with the following acceptable purposes: <input type="checkbox"/> Photo-imaging <input type="checkbox"/> Photo-resist and anti-reflective coatings for semi-conductors <input type="checkbox"/> Etching agent for compound semi-conductors and ceramic filters <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation hydraulic fluids <input type="checkbox"/> Metal plating (hard metal plating) only in closed-loop systems <input type="checkbox"/> Certain medical devices (such as ethylene tetrafluoroethylene copolymer (ETFE) layers and radio-opaque ETFE production, in-vitro diagnostic medical devices, and CCD colour filters) <input type="checkbox"/> Firefighting foam <input type="checkbox"/> Insect baits for control of leaf-cutting ants from <i>Atta spp.</i> and <i>Acromyrmex spp.</i>
Please specify the chemical name and/or its precursor, if relevant³ (CAS No., trade name)	
Remarks	

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Annex IV to decision SC-5/8

Form for notification of a chemical as a constituent of articles manufactured or already in use

NOTIFICATION OF A CHEMICAL AS A CONSTITUENT OF ARTICLES IN USE			
PARTY (COUNTRY NAME):			
The Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention is hereby notified that the following article(s), manufactured or already in use on or before the date of entry into force of the relevant obligation for the chemical named below and containing the same chemical as a constituent, will remain in use. In accordance with note (ii) of Annex A or Annex B, however, this notification shall not be considered to establish a production and use acceptable purpose or specific exemption for the purposes of paragraph 2 of Article 3 of the Convention.			
Chemical name			
Description of the articles remaining in use			
Remarks			
THIS NOTIFICATION IS SUBMITTED BY:			
Name			
Institution/Department			
Address			
Telephone		Fax	
E-mail address			
Signature		Date	dd/mm/yyyy
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