

POPRC-8/3: Hexabromocyclododecane

The Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee,

Recalling paragraph 2 of decision SC-5/5, by which parties are encouraged to ensure that, consistent with the provisions of the Stockholm Convention, including in paragraph 1 (d) of Article 6 and relevant provisions of the Basel Convention, waste materials containing brominated diphenyl ethers listed in Annex A are not exported to developing countries or countries with economies in transition,

Noting that there are concerns about articles and products in use containing hexabromocyclododecane being exported, especially to developing countries and countries with economies in transition,

Recognizing the challenges in identifying materials containing hexabromocyclododecane, for example from buildings that are renovated or dismantled,

Recognizing also that recycling of expanded polystyrene and extruded polystyrene does occur and that means to distinguish materials that contain hexabromocyclododecane from those that do not would be of assistance in implementing paragraph 1 (d) of Article 6 of the Stockholm Convention,

Noting that end-of-life disposal of products and articles containing hexabromocyclododecane will represent a long-term source of emissions into the environment and that, if hexabromocyclododecane is listed in Annex A, waste management measures in accordance with paragraph 1 (d) of Article 6 would ensure that products and articles containing hexabromocyclododecane are disposed of in such a way that their persistent organic pollutant content is destroyed or otherwise disposed of in an environmentally sound manner,

Recalling decision POPRC-7/1, by which it adopted the risk management evaluation for hexabromocyclododecane and decided, 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,

Having reviewed the additional information on alternatives to hexabromocyclododecane and use in expanded polystyrene and extruded polystyrene made available to the Committee in accordance with paragraph 3 of decision POPRC-7/1,¹

Noting that some developing countries may need more time than developed countries to phase out any exempted production and use of hexabromocyclododecane,

1. *Amends* paragraph 2 of decision POPRC-7/1 to read as follows:

“*Decides*, in accordance with paragraph 9 of Article 8 of the Convention, to recommend to the Conference of the Parties that it consider listing hexabromocyclododecane² in Annex A to the Convention with specific exemptions for production and use in expanded polystyrene and extruded polystyrene in buildings”;

2. *Adopts* as an addendum to the risk management evaluation for hexabromocyclododecane³ the information on alternatives to hexabromocyclododecane and use in expanded polystyrene and extruded polystyrene reviewed in accordance with paragraph 3 of decision POPRC-7/1.

¹ UNEP/POPS/POPRC.8/4.

² "Hexabromocyclododecane" means hexabromocyclododecane (CAS No.: 25637-99-4), 1,2,5,6,9,10-hexabromocyclododecane (CAS No.: 3194-55-6) and its main diastereoisomers: alpha-hexabromocyclododecane (CAS No.: 134237-50-6); beta-hexabromocyclododecane (CAS No.: 134237-51-7); and gamma-hexabromocyclododecane (CAS No: 134237-52-8).

³ UNEP/POPS/POPRC.8/16/Add.3.