

POPRC-12/5: Hexachlorobutadiene

The Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee,

Taking note of decision SC-7/11, by which the Conference of the Parties requested the Committee to further evaluate hexachlorobutadiene on the basis of newly available information in relation to its listing in Annex C and to make a recommendation to the Conference of the Parties on listing hexachlorobutadiene in Annex C for further consideration at its eighth meeting,

Having evaluated the new information on unintentional production of hexachlorobutadiene,¹

Recognizing that hexachlorobutadiene demonstrates the characteristics of a persistent organic pollutant and that by decision SC-7/12 the Conference of the Parties therefore listed the chemical in Annex A to the Convention,

1. *Concludes*, as noted in documents UNEP/POPS/POPRC.12/11/Add.5 and UNEP/POPS/POPRC.12/INF/12/Rev.1, that there are unintentional releases of hexachlorobutadiene from the production of certain chlorinated hydrocarbons, the production of magnesium, incineration processes and the production of polyvinyl chloride, ethylene dichloride and vinyl chloride monomer;

2. *Notes* nonetheless that there are some concerns regarding the cost-benefit implications of measures to address the releases referred to in the preceding paragraph.

¹ UNEP/POPS/POPRC.12/11/Add.5; UNEP/POPS/POPRC.12/INF/12/Rev.1.