

POPRC-8/11: Work programme on brominated diphenyl ethers and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride, and evaluation of the implementation of the Stockholm Convention for those chemicals

The Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee,

Recalling decision SC-5/5, in which the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants invited parties to submit information on their experiences in implementing the recommendations set out in the annex to decision POPRC-6/2 and requested the Secretariat to compile the information received for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting,

Recalling also paragraph 3 of decision SC-5/8, in which the Conference of the Parties requested 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 brominated diphenyl ethers and to review the continued need for the specific exemption for those chemicals in accordance with paragraphs 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 sulfonate, 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 sulfonate, 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,

Taking note of the information on brominated diphenyl ethers and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride submitted by parties and observers and compiled in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.8/INF/22 and the low rate of responses received,

Noting that parties are in the process of reviewing and updating their national implementation plans to address the new persistent organic pollutants listed in the Convention in 2009 and 2011 and that they still need to acquire a sound understanding of their national situation on brominated diphenyl ethers and on perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride,

Recognizing that the national inventories on these chemicals undertaken in order to develop, revise, or update national implementation plans are not yet ready and that the information there gathered could be needed to fill in the questionnaire,

Having considered the draft process for the evaluation of brominated diphenyl ethers pursuant to paragraphs 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A and for the evaluation of PFOS, its salts and PFOSF pursuant to paragraphs 5 and 6 of part III of Annex B to the Convention, set out in annexes I and II to document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.8/13,

Recognizing that the collection of information for the evaluation pursuant to paragraphs 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A in the same year as national reporting under Article 15 could help improve the efficiency of the process of collecting and providing information on chemicals,

Noting that the evaluation pursuant to paragraphs 5 and 6 of part III of Annex B to the Convention takes place on the basis of reporting under Article 15,

1. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to use the questionnaire revised at the seventh meeting of the Committee¹ to collect information from parties to enable the Conference of the Parties to evaluate, at its sixth meeting, brominated diphenyl ethers pursuant to paragraphs 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Convention;
 2. *Decides* to request the Secretariat to further revise the processes, taking into consideration the Committee's comments and suggestions.
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¹ Decision POPRC-7/7, annex.