

## POPRC-8/9: Guidance on alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts, perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride and their related chemicals

*The Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee,*

*Having considered* the comments on the guidance on alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts, perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride and their related chemicals<sup>1</sup> received from parties and observers in accordance with decision POPRC-7/6,<sup>2</sup>

1. *Decides* to establish an ad hoc working group to revise the guidance on the basis of the comments submitted by parties and observers and any additional information made available to the working group and to work in accordance with the workplan set out in the annex to the present decision;

2. *Invites* parties and observers in a position to do so to provide financial support for the preparation of a revised version of the guidance.

### Annex to decision POPRC-8/9

#### Workplan for revising the guidance on alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts, perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride and their related chemicals

<i>Scheduled date</i>	<i>Interval from previous activity (weeks)</i>	<i>Activity</i>
19 October 2012	-	The Committee establishes an ad hoc working group.
30 November 2012	6	The drafter develops a proposal for revising the guidance on the basis of the comments and the availability of information and sends it to the ad hoc working group for comments.
21 December 2012	3	The working group members provide comments on the proposal to the drafter.
1 March 2013	10	The working group chair and drafter complete the first draft of the revised guidance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The drafter prepares the first draft and sends it to the chair: 25 February.</li><li>• The chair sends the first draft to the working group: 1 March.</li></ul>
29 March 2013	4	The working group members provide comments on the first draft to the chair and the drafter.
26 April 2013	4	The working group chair and drafter complete the second draft. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The drafter prepares the second draft and sends it to the chair: 21 April.</li><li>• The chair sends the second draft to the working group: 26 April.</li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> UNEP/POPS/POPRC.6/13/Add.3/Rev.1. The title of the guidance as endorsed by the Committee in decision POPRC-6/5 was “guidance on alternatives to perfluorooctanesulfonate and its derivatives”. The title was revised at the current meeting to be consistent with the terminology used under the Stockholm Convention and to clarify the scope of the guidance.

<sup>2</sup> UNEP/POPS/POPRC.8/INF/19.

<i>Scheduled date</i>	<i>Interval from previous activity (weeks)</i>	<i>Activity</i>
21 June 2013	8	Parties and observers submit their comments on the second draft to the chair and the drafter.
2 August 2013	6	The working group chair and drafter review the final comments and complete the final draft. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The drafter prepares the final draft and sends it to the chair: 27 July.</li> <li>• The chair sends the final draft to the Secretariat: 2 August.</li> </ul>
2 September 2013	4	The Secretariat distributes the final draft in English.
14–18 October 2013	<6	Ninth meeting of the Committee.