

## **SC-7/4: Revised format for the submission of information for the evaluation and review of brominated diphenyl ethers pursuant to paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Stockholm Convention**

### *The Conference of the Parties*

1. *Adopts* the format for the submission of information for the evaluation and review of brominated diphenyl ethers pursuant to paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Convention set out in the annex to the present decision and decides to use it for the evaluation and review at its eighth meeting and at every second ordinary meeting thereafter in accordance with the process set out in decision SC-6/3;

2. *Takes note* of both the information provided by parties on their experience in implementing the recommendations set out in the annex to decision POPRC-6/2<sup>1</sup> and the report by the Secretariat on the main challenges encountered by parties in implementing the recommendations with regard to brominated diphenyl ethers listed in Annex A to the Convention<sup>2</sup> and decides to take them into account in the evaluation and review of brominated diphenyl ethers at its eighth meeting pursuant to paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Convention;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to support the process set out in decision SC-6/3 to enable the Conference of the Parties to evaluate the progress that parties have made towards achieving their ultimate objective of the elimination of the brominated diphenyl ethers listed in Annex A to the Convention, to review the continued need for the specific exemption for those chemicals in accordance with paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of that Annex and to support parties, subject to the availability of resources, in undertaking activities to collect and submit the information required for the process;

4. *Reminds* any party with a need for the specific exemption for brominated diphenyl ethers listed in Annex A to the Convention to register for that exemption by means of a notification in writing to the Secretariat, in accordance with paragraph 1 (c) of parts IV and V of that Annex.

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/12.

<sup>2</sup> UNEP/POPS/COP.7/8, annex IV.

## Annex to decision SC-7/4

### Format for the submission of information for the evaluation and review of brominated diphenyl ethers pursuant to paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Stockholm Convention

#### Glossary

##### Hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether:

In accordance with Part III of Annex A to the Stockholm Convention, “hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether” means 2,2',4,4',5,5'-hexabromodiphenyl ether (BDE-153, CAS No: 68631-49-2), 2,2',4,4',5,6'-hexabromodiphenyl ether (BDE-154, CAS No: 207122-15-4), 2,2',3,3',4,5',6-heptabromodiphenyl ether (BDE-175, CAS No: 446255-22-7), 2,2',3,4,4',5',6-heptabromodiphenyl ether (BDE-183, CAS No: 207122-16-5) and other hexa- and heptabromodiphenyl ethers present in commercial octabromodiphenyl ether.

##### Tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether:

In accordance with Part III of Annex A to the Stockholm Convention, “tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether” means 2,2',4,4'-tetrabromodiphenyl ether (BDE-47, CAS No: 5436-43-1) and 2,2',4,4',5-pentabromodiphenyl ether (BDE-99, CAS No: 60348-60-9) and other tetra- and pentabromodiphenyl ethers present in commercial pentabromodiphenyl ether.

(Hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether and tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether are hereinafter referred to as “brominated diphenyl ethers”)

- I. Please indicate whether your country is registered for a specific exemption related to brominated diphenyl ethers in accordance with part IV and/or part V of Annex A to the Stockholm Convention.

- (a) Specific exemption for hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether

☐ Yes ☐ No

- (b) Specific exemption for tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered yes to 1 (a) and/or 1 (b), please provide information on whether your country has undertaken any review of its continuing need for registration of the continued need for a specific exemption for hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether and/or tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether.

If you answered no to 1 (a) and/or 1 (b), please briefly describe the reasons.

☐ Not needed

☐ Not assessed

☐ Lack of financial resources

☐ Lack of technical capacity

☐ Assessed but lack of technical capacity

☐ Assessed but lack of financial capacity

☐ Assessed but lack of human resources

☐ Other (*Please specify*)

II. Has your country taken any actions or control measures to eliminate brominated diphenyl ethers contained in articles?

☐ Yes (*Please select all that apply*)

☐ Hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether

Please describe the actions or control measures and the year(s) when they were taken.

☐ Tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether

Please describe the actions or control measures and the year(s) when they were taken .

☐ Currently being developed

☐ No (*Please select all that apply*)

☐ Lack of financial resources

☐ Lack of technical capacity

☐ Other (*Please specify*)

III. Has your country identified articles in use that contain or may contain brominated diphenyl ethers?

☐ Yes

Please provide information available on such articles (e.g., electrical and electronic equipment, motor vehicles, etc.). If possible, provide the quantities of bromine contained in those articles.

☐ No (*Please select all that apply*)

☐ Lack of legal, institutional or policy framework

☐ Lack of financial resources

☐ Lack of human resources

☐ Lack of technical capacity

☐ Other (*Please specify*)

☐ Information not available

IV. Has your country taken measures to dispose of articles that contain or may contain brominated diphenyl ethers in an environmentally sound manner, in accordance with paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Convention?

☐ Yes

Please provide information available on such measures and/or articles disposed of. If possible, provide the quantities of bromine in the articles disposed of.

☐ No (*Please select all that apply*)

☐ Lack of financial resources

☐ Lack of technical capacity

☐ Other (*Please specify*)

V. Has your country recycled articles that contain or may contain brominated diphenyl ethers?

☐ Yes

When possible, please provide information on any actions or control measures taken by your country to ensure that recycling is carried out in an environmentally sound manner.

Please provide information available on articles that have been recycled.

☐ No (*Please select all that apply*)

☐ Lack of legal, institutional or policy framework

☐ Lack of financial resources

☐ Lack of human resources

☐ Lack of technical capacity

☐ Other (*Please specify*)

☐ Information not available

VI. Has your country been able to put in place measures to separate articles containing brominated diphenyl ethers before recycling?

☐ Yes (*Please select all that apply*)

☐ Hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether

Please describe the measures.

☐ Tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether

Please describe the measures.

☐ Combined brominated diphenyl ethers

Please describe the measures.

☐ Currently being developed

☐ No (*Please select all that apply*)

☐ Lack of financial resources

☐ Lack of technical capacity

☐ Other (*Please specify*)

VII. Has your country used articles manufactured from recycled materials that contain or may contain brominated diphenyl ethers?

☐ Yes

Please provide information available on the articles.

☐ No

☐ Information not available

☐ Other (*Please specify*)

VIII. Has your country disposed of articles manufactured from recycled materials that contain or may contain brominated diphenyl ethers?

☐ Yes

Has your country taken any actions or control measures to ensure that it is carried out in an environmentally

sound manner?

☐ Yes

Please describe.

☐ Currently being implemented

☐ No (*Please select all that apply*)

☐ Lack of legal, institutional or policy framework

☐ Lack of financial resources

☐ Lack of human resources

☐ Lack of technical capacity

☐ Other (*Please specify*)

☐ No

☐ Information not available

IX. Has your country taken any steps to prevent the export of articles manufactured from recycled materials that contain levels or concentrations of brominated diphenyl ethers exceeding those permitted for the sale, use, import or manufacture of those articles within its territory, in accordance with paragraph 1 (b) of Part IV and/or Part V of Annex A?

☐ Yes (*Please select all that apply.*)

☐ Hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether

Please describe the measures and the year(s) when they were taken.

☐ Tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether

Please describe the measures and the year(s) when they were taken.

☐ Combined brominated diphenyl ethers

Please describe the measures and the year(s) when they were taken.

☐ Currently being developed

☐ No (*Please select all that apply*)

☐ Lack of financial resources

☐ Lack of technical capacity

☐ Lack of legal, institutional or policy framework

☐ Other (*Please specify*)