**POPRC-11/5: Unintentional releases of 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,

1. *Decides* to establish an intersessional working group to undertake the activities requested in paragraphs 1 and 3 of decision SC-7/11 and agrees to work in accordance with the workplan set out in the annex to the present decision;
2. *Requests* the Secretariat to collect from parties and observers any additional information that would assist the further evaluation by the Committee of the unintentional production of hexachlorobutadiene, including in particular information regarding:

(a) Sources of unintentional formation, releases and emissions of hexachlorobutadiene identified in the risk management evaluation for the chemical as well as new sources;

(b) Standard methods for sampling, monitoring, analysing and reporting unintentional releases of hexachlorobutadiene in various media;

(c) Risk management measures implemented by parties and other stakeholders to reduce and eliminate unintentional emissions and releases of hexachlorobutadiene to air, water, sludge and products;

(d) Alternative processes for the production of halogenated chemicals to reduce and eliminate unintentional production of hexachlorobutadiene;

(e) Replacement of chlorinated chemicals identified as a source of unintentional releases of hexachlorobutadiene;

(f) Monitoring data on unintentional releases of hexachlorobutadiene;

(g) Cost of measures implemented to reduce and/or eliminate unintentional releases of hexachlorobutadiene.

Annex to decision POPRC-11/5

Workplan for the consideration of additional information on unintentional releases of hexachlorobutadiene

| *Scheduled date* | *Interval between activities (weeks)* | *Activity* |
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| 23 October 2015 | – | The Committee establishes an intersessional working group |
| 6 November 2015 | 2 | The Secretariat requests parties and observers to provide any additional information that would assist the further evaluation by the Committee of the unintentional production of hexachlorobutadiene |
| 15 January 2016 | 10 | Parties and observers submit the information to the Secretariat |
| 26 February 2016 | 6 | The working group chair and drafter complete a first draft of a document containing a review of the information provided |
| 25 March 2016 | 4 | The members of the working group submit comments on the first draft to the chair and the drafter; the Secretariat invites comments from the Toolkit and BAT and BEP experts |
| 8 April 2016 | 2 | The working group chair and the drafter finish their review of the comments from the working group and complete the second draft and a compilation of responses to those comments |
| 15 April 2016 | 1 | The Secretariat distributes the second draft to parties and observers |
| 13 May 2016 | 4 | Parties and observers submit their comments to the Secretariat |
| 27 May 2016 | 2 | The working group chair and the drafter review the comments from parties and observers and complete the final draft and a compilation of responses to those comments |
| 3 June 2016 | 1 | The Secretariat sends the final draft to the Division of Conference Services, United Nations Office at Nairobi, for editing and translation |
| 29 July 2016 | 8 | The Division of Conference Services completes the editing and translation of the final draft |
| 5 August 2016 | 1 | The Secretariat distributes the final draft in the six official languages of the United Nations |
| 19−23 September 2016 | 6 | Twelfth meeting of the Committee |