**POPRC-10/1: Pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters**

*The Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee,*

*Having concluded* in its decision POPRC-8/4 that pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters meet the criteria set out in Annex D to the Stockholm Convention,

*Having evaluated* the risk profile for pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters, including consideration of the transformation product pentachloroanisole, adopted by the Committee at its ninth meeting[[1]](#footnote-1) in accordance with paragraph 6 of Article 8 of the Convention,

*Having concluded* in its decision POPRC-9/3 that pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters are likely, as a result of their long-range environmental transport, to lead to significant adverse human health and environmental effects such that global action is warranted,

*Having completed* the risk management evaluation for pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters in accordance with paragraph 7 (a) of Article 8 of the Stockholm Convention,

1. *Adopts* the risk management evaluation for pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters;[[2]](#footnote-2)
2. *Decides*, in accordance with paragraph 9 of Article 8 of the Convention, to recommend to the Conference of the Parties that it consider listing pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters in Annex A to the Convention with specific exemptions for the production and use of pentachlorophenol for utility poles and cross-arms;
3. *Recommends* the insertion of a new note in Part 1 of Annex A to the Convention as follows:

Pentachlorophenol (CAS No: 87-86-5), sodium pentachlorophenate   
(CAS No: 131-52-2 and 27735-64-4 (as monohydrate)), pentachlorophenyl laurate (CAS No: 3772-94-9) and pentachloroanisole (CAS No: 1825-21-4) were assessed and identified as persistent organic pollutants.

1. *Recommends*, in the event of listing with specific exemptions, the insertion of a new part in Annex A as follows:

Each Party that has registered for the exemption for the production and use of pentachlorophenol for utility poles and cross-arms shall take necessary measures to ensure that utility poles and cross-arms containing pentachlorophenol can be easily identified by labelling or other means throughout their life cycle. Articles treated with pentachlorophenol should not be reused for purposes other than those exempted.

1. UNEP/POPS/POPRC.9/13/Add.3. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. UNEP/POPS/POPRC.10/10/Add.1. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)