**POPRC-12/4: Decabromodiphenyl ether (commercial mixture, c-decaBDE)**

*The Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee,*

*Recalling* its decision POPRC-11/1, by which it recommended to the Conference of the Parties that it consider listing decabromodiphenyl ether (BDE-209) of c-decaBDE in Annex A to the Convention with specific exemptions for some critical spare parts, to be defined, for the automotive and aerospace industries,

*Having* assessed the information provided in accordance with paragraph 3 of decision   
POPRC-11/1, [[1]](#footnote-1)

1. *Adopts* the addendum to the risk management evaluation for decabromodiphenyl ether (commercial mixture, c-decaBDE);[[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 decabromodiphenyl ether (BDE-209) of   
   c-decaBDE in Annex A to the Convention with specific exemptions for the automotive industry, with the production and use of c-decaBDE limited to parts for use in legacy vehicles, defined as vehicles that have ceased mass production, and with such parts falling in one or more of the following categories:
3. Powertrain and under-hood applications such as battery mass wire, battery interconnection wire, mobile air-conditioning (MAC) pipe, powertrains, exhaust manifold bushings, under-hood insulation, wiring and harness under hood (engine wiring, etc.), speed sensors, hoses, fan modules and knock sensors;
4. Fuel system applications such as fuel hoses, fuel tanks and fuel tanks under body;
5. Pyrotechnical devices and applications affected by pyrotechnical devices such as air bag ignition cables, seat covers/fabrics (only if airbag relevant) and airbags (front and side);
6. *Concludes* that the information from the aerospace industry made available to the Committee does not allow the further defining of critical spare parts;
7. *Also concludes* that there is no apparent need for an exemption for textile production in small and medium-size enterprises in developing countries;
8. *Notes* that the increasing waste burden in developing countries from older vehicles that continue to be serviced with spare parts that contain decaBDE is a concern.

1. UNEP/POPS/POPRC.12/INF/9/Rev.1. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. UNEP/POPS/POPRC.12/11/Add.4. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)