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# Review and update of the guidelines and guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices

## Background

The process for the review and update of the guidelines and guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices is ongoing in accordance with [decision SC-8/6](#) and is conducted by the experts nominated by Parties and others through the [joint Toolkit and best available techniques and best environmental practices expert roster](#). By [decision SC-8/6](#) the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention adopted the terms of reference for and the workplan of the experts on the review and update of the guidelines on best available techniques and best environmental practices relevant to the persistent organic pollutants listed in Annex C and of the guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices relevant to the persistent organic pollutants listed in Annex A or Annex B to the Convention.

By [decision SC-11/5](#), the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention welcomed the conclusions and recommendations of the experts on the Toolkit and on BAT and BEP ([UNEP/POPS/COP.11/8. annex I](#)), and requested the experts to continue the work on the ongoing review and update of the guidelines and guidance in accordance with the workplan set out in document [UNEP/POPS/COP.11/8. annex II](#).

## Current guidance under review

Releases from intentional production and use of POPs

Unintentional POPs releases

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### Guidance on BAT/BEP relevant to the chemicals listed in Annex A or B to the Convention

The work to update or develop new guidance on BAT/BEP relevant to the chemicals listed in Annex A or B to the Convention has been identified by the experts as a priority area of work within their workplan.

The following three guidance documents have been identified as a priority are being updated or newly developed with the support of the [expert roster](#):

- Guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices for the production and use of UV-328 with specific exemptions under the Stockholm Convention
- Guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices for the production and use of short-chain chlorinated paraffins (SCCPs) with specific exemptions under the Stockholm Convention
- Guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices relevant to the polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) and Dechlorane Plus (DP) listed under the Stockholm Convention

Parties and observers are invited to submit comments by 16 September 2024 on the July/August 2024 versions of these guidance (see below) using the [form for providing comments](#).

All comments should be sent to the Secretariat by e-mail to: Mr. Alain Wittig ([alain.wittig@un.org](mailto:alain.wittig@un.org)).

### Draft guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices for the production and use of UV-328 with specific exemptions under the Stockholm Convention

Title	Download
Guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices for the production and use of UV-328 with specific exemptions under the Stockholm Convention (Draft of August 2024)	 

### Draft Guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices for the production and use of short-chain chlorinated paraffins (SCCPs) with specific exemptions under the Stockholm Convention

Title	Download
Guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices for the production and use of short-chain chlorinated paraffins (SCCPs) with specific exemptions under the Stockholm Convention (Draft of July 2024)	 

### Draft updated guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices relevant to the polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) and Dechlorane Plus (DP) listed under the Stockholm Convention

[The March 2021 version of this guidance document](#) which has been developed to guide Parties in their actions to prevent or reduce releases of polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) from the uses/applications under the specific exemptions listed in the Convention, is currently being updated to include information on Dechlorane Plus.

Title	Download
Guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices relevant to the polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) and Dechlorane Plus (DP) listed under the Stockholm Convention (Draft of July 2024)	 

## Calls for information

Comments and additional information relevant to the process for review and update of the guidelines and guidance should be submitted to the Secretariat to Alain Wittig ([alain.wittig@un.org](mailto:alain.wittig@un.org)).

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