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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

POPs contaminated sites

Guidelines on best available techniques and provisional guidance on best environmental practices relevant to Article 5 and Annex C of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.

The work to update the guidelines and guidance BAT and BEP relevant to Article 5 and Annex C to the Convention has been identified by the experts as a priority area of work within their workplan.


The following two sections have been identified as a priority area of work and are being updated with the support of the [expert roster](#):

- Section V.C Production of pulp using elemental chlorine or chemicals generating elemental chlorine
- Section VI.F Specific chemical production processes releasing chemicals listed in Annex C



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

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

Draft updated version of the section V.C Production of pulp using elemental chlorine or chemicals generating elemental chlorine (July 2024)

Chapter	Year of update	Section title	Download
V.C	Draft of July 2024	PRODUCTION OF PULP USING ELEMENTAL CHLORINE OR CHEMICALS GENERATING ELEMENTAL CHLORINE	 

Draft updated version of the section VI.F Specific chemical production processes releasing chemicals listed in Annex C (July 2024)

Chapter	Year of update	Section title	Download
VI.F	Draft of July 2024	SPECIFIC CHEMICAL PRODUCTION PROCESSES RELEASING CHEMICALS LISTED IN ANNEX C	 

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).

Partners resources

9th meeting of the Conference Of the Parties

Media resources

Publications

People

PCBs Elimination Network (PEN)

https://chm.pops.int/Implementation/BATandBEP(new)/JointToolkitandBATBEPexpertroster/Guidanceunderreview/tabid/9651/Default.aspx

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