

Chemicals and Waste Briefing
12 June 2018



Briefing on the eleventh meeting of the Basel Convention's Open-ended Working Group

Geneva, 3-6 September 2018

Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

Eleventh meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG-11)

- 3-6 September 2018, at CICG in Geneva
- Co-Chairs: Ms. Justina Grigaraviciene (Lithuania) (Technical) and Mr. Luay Sadeq Al-Mukhtar (Iraq) (Legal)



- In the six UN official languages
- Pre-meetings on Sunday 2 September
- Back-to-back with 13th meeting of the Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee
- Meeting website: <http://www.basel.int/oewg11>

Provisional agenda

(Document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/1)

- **Strategic framework**
 - Consider a draft compilation of information related to the indicators in the strategic framework
- **Development of guidance on ESM**
 - Consider the draft documents developed by the expert working group on ESM
- **Technical guidelines**
 - POPs waste; transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment; incineration on land; specially engineered landfill
 - Should technical guidelines on physico chemical treatment and biological treatment be updated?



Provisional agenda (cont.)

(Document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/1)

- **National reporting**
 - Consider types of wastes for which additional practical guidance on the development of inventories would be useful
- **Electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents**
- **Marine plastic litter and microplastics**
 - Consider relevant options available under the Convention to further address marine plastic litter and microplastics and develop a proposal for possible further action
- **Waste containing nanomaterials**



Provisional agenda (cont.)

(Document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/1)

- **Consultation with the Implementation and Compliance Committee**
 - On the draft guidance developed by the Committee and on other matters as decided by the Committee
- **Legal clarity**
 - Provide guidance to the expert working group on the review of Annexes I, III and IV and related aspects of Annex IX to the Basel Convention
 - Consider whether to review Annexes II, VIII and IX to the Convention
- **Basel Convention partnership programme**
 - Consider follow-up to PACE and progress report by Household Waste Partnership



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Briefing on the thirteenth meeting of the Basel Convention's Implementation and Compliance Committee

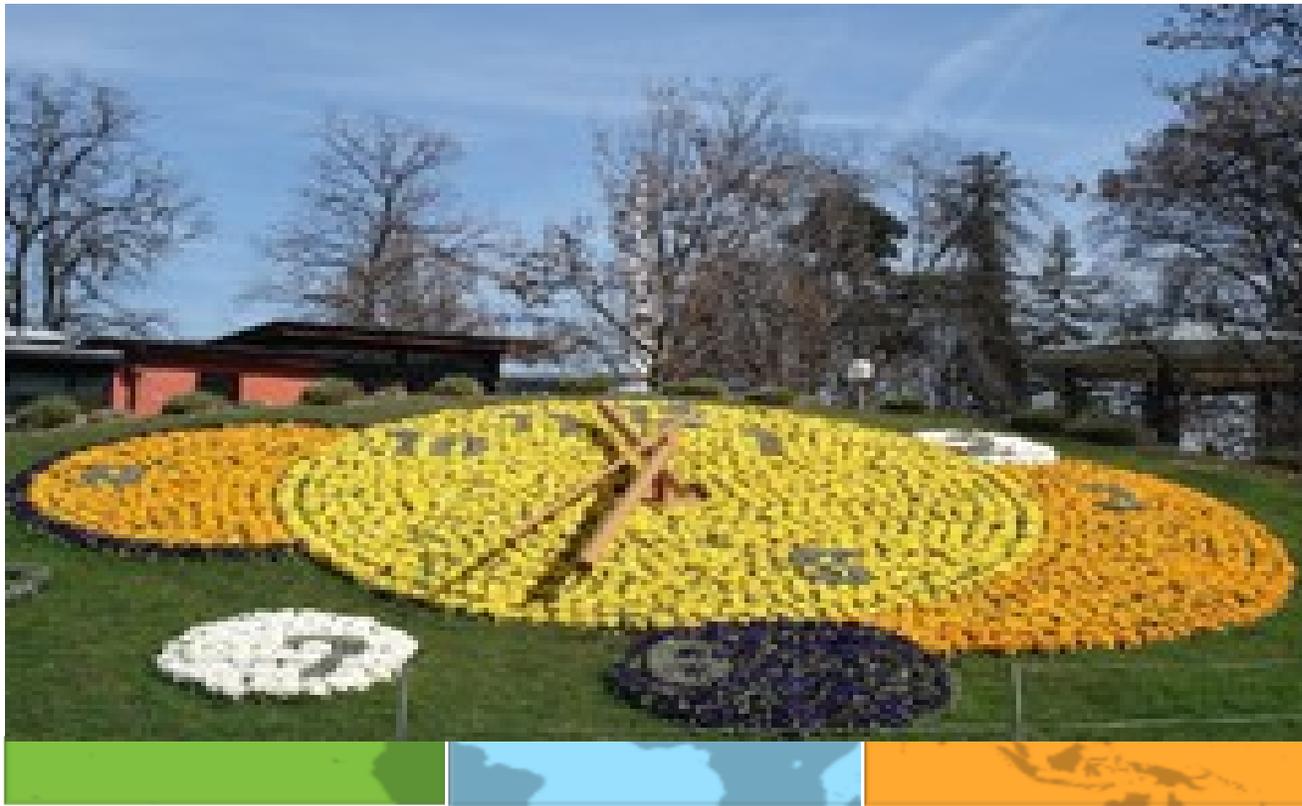
Geneva, 7-10 September 2018

Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

Thirteenth Meeting of the Basel Convention's Implementation and Compliance Committee

- 7-10 September 2018, back-to-back to OEWG-11*, IEH-2, Geneva, Switzerland
- Chair: Mr. Juan Simonelli (Argentina)

- Provisional agenda:
 - 10 specific submissions:
 - National reporting: Bhutan, Cabo Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Eritrea, Liberia, Libya and Oman
 - Country contacts: Turkmenistan
 - Legal frameworks: Central African Republic and Togo
 - Evaluation of the amendment to paragraph 9(c) of the terms of reference



- **Provisional agenda (cont.):**

- Review of general issues of implementation and compliance:

- National reporting:

- Classification of compliance performance for 2014 and 2015;
- Targets for 2016 and onwards;
- Guidance: Benchmark report and revised guidance on improving national reporting*;
- Additional steps to improve the timeliness and completeness of national reporting;

- Illegal traffic:

- Additional steps to improve implementation of and compliance with Article 9 of the Convention;
- Dialogue session with CITES;

- National legislation:

- Guide for the development of national legal frameworks*;
- Parties' activities to review or develop legislation implementing the Basel Convention;
- Activities of the Secretariat and of other entities aimed at assisting Parties review or develop legislation implementing the Basel Convention.



- **Provisional agenda (cont.):**

- Insurance, bond, guarantee: Guidance to improve the implementation of paragraph 11 of Article 6 of the Convention*;
- Control system: Guidance on the implementation of paragraph 4 of Article 6 of the Convention on transit transboundary movements*;
- Review of the operation of the implementation fund, including the links with the Secretariat's technical assistance plan;

- **Donors:**

- Germany and Switzerland for ICC-13;
- European Union and Norway for the work programme;
- Colombia, Japan, Norway and Switzerland for the implementation fund.



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Briefing on the fourteenth meeting of the Rotterdam Convention's Chemical Review Committee

Rome, 11–14 September 2018

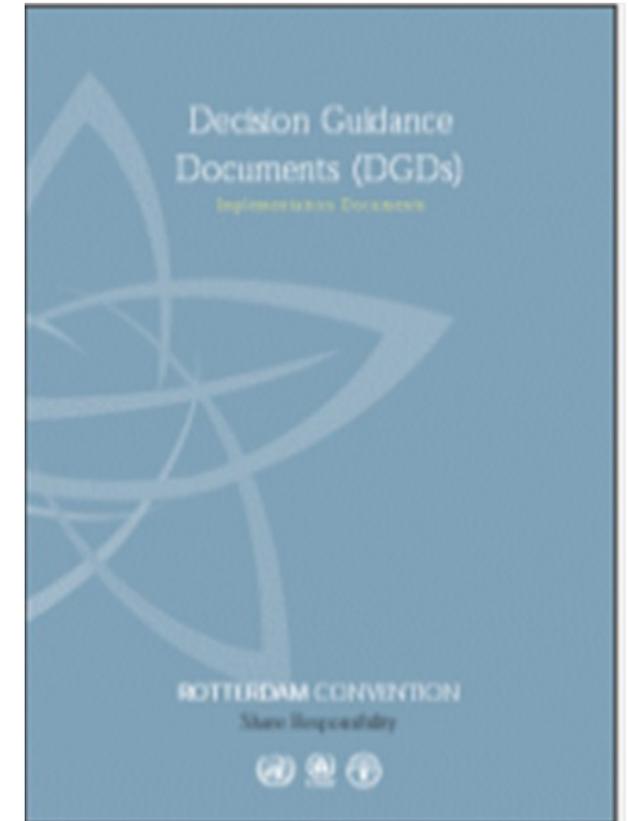


Fourteenth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee (CRC-14)

- 11-14 September 2018 in Rome, Italy
- Pre-meetings of intersessional task groups scheduled in the morning of 11 September
- Organization of work:
 - Provisional agenda: [UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/1](#)
 - Annotated agenda: [UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/1/Add.1](#)
 - Scenario note: [UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/INF/1](#)
 - Tentative schedule: [UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/INF/2](#)

Decision Guidance Documents

- Finalize **draft decision guidance documents (DGDs)** for:
 - **Acetochlor**
 - **Hexabromocyclododecane**
 - **Phorate**
- Listing in Annex III was recommended by CRC-13
- Draft DGDs were developed in intersessional period
- Recommendations and draft DGDs to be considered by COP-9





Final regulatory actions

- Review of notifications of **final regulatory actions**:
 - **Hexabromocyclododecane**
 - **Methyl-parathion**
 - **Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds**
- Intersessional task groups will be set up to do preliminary review prior to CRC-14
- CRC-14 to consider whether criteria of Annex II are fulfilled and if there are 2 notifications from 2 PIC regions, to recommend listing the chemical(s) in Annex III



Handbook

of working procedures and policy guidance for
the Chemical Review Committee



March 2018



International Association of Agricultural Chemists

Other agenda items

- **Rotation of the membership**
 - Newly nominated members starting in May 2018
 - New CRC Chair: Ms. Nolozuko Gwayi (South Africa)
- **Updates to the Handbook**
 - Updated version of Handbook of Working Procedures and Policy Guidance for the Chemical Review Committee



CRC-14:

11-14 September 2018
FAO headquarters
Rome, Italy

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Briefing on the fourteenth meeting of the POPs Review Committee

Rome, 17–21 September 2018

Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

Fourteenth meeting of the POPs Review Committee (POPRC-14)

- 17-21 September 2018, at FAO headquarters, in Rome
- Chair: Ms. Estefania Gastaldello Moreira (Brazil)



- In the six UN official languages; no pre-meetings
- Organization of work:
 - Provisional agenda: UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/1
 - Annotated agenda: UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/1/Add.1
 - Scenario note: UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/INF/1
 - Tentative schedule: UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/INF/2
- Meeting website: www.pops.int/poprc14



Consideration of a draft risk profile on PFHxS, its salts and PFHxS-related compounds



- **PFHxS, its salts and PFHxS-related compounds:**
 - **Used as effective surfactants and/or surface protector including**
 - (1) AFFFs for firefighting; (2) metal plating; (3) textiles, leather, upholstery; (4) polishing agents, cleaning agents; (5) coatings; (6) electronics/semiconductors; (7) pesticides; (8) flame retardants
- **POPRC-14 may:**
 - Adopt, with any amendments, the risk profile, and decide whether the chemicals are POPs that global action is warranted
 - Establish an intersessional working group to prepare a draft risk management evaluation and invite Parties and observers to submit Annex F information on socio economic consideration on possible control measures



Consideration of a recommendation on listing of PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds

- Used in a wide variety of applications and consumer products across many sectors, e.g. non-stick kitchen ware, stain resistant textiles, firefighting foams
- POPRC-13 recommended COP to consider listing **PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds** in Annex A or B to the Convention with specific exemptions and requested further assessment of information intersessionally
- POPRC-14 may:
 - Review the report on the assessment of the additional information on the chemicals;
 - Consider strengthening its recommendation on the listing of PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds



Evaluation of PFOS, its salts and PFOSF



- Stockholm COP-9 in 2019 will undertake the **evaluation of the continued need for various acceptable purposes and specific exemptions for PFOS, its salts and PFOSF** (e.g. fire-fighting foam, semiconductor, photo-imaging, metal plating)
- POPRC-14 may:
 - Complete the assessment of alternatives to PFOS, its salts and PFOSF;
 - Review the draft report prepared by the Secretariat on the evaluation of PFOS, its salts and PFOSF;
 - Make recommendations to the COP on the continued need of various exemptions for PFOS, its salts and PFOSF



Other items

- Rotation of the membership
 - Newly nominated members starting their terms in May 2018 and upcoming nomination of new members at COP-9
- Report of activities for effective participation in the work of the Committee
- Workplan for the intersessional period
- Other matters
 - Outlines of risk profiles and RMEs
 - Updates to the work on “From Science to Action”



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