UPDATE ON BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

WORK AND UPCOMING MEETINGS

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Eleventh meeting of the POPs Review Committee
19–23 October 2015, FAO Headquarters, Rome
www.pops.int/poprc11/

Adopted 7 decisions, established 6 intersessional working groups
Information request letter dated 30 October 2015 sent out

• **Decabromodiphenyl ether (commercial mixture, c-decaBDE)**
  • Decided to recommend to the COP 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

• **Dicofol**
  • Deferred its decision on the draft risk profile for dicofol to POPRC-12

• **Short-chained chlorinated paraffins**
  • Decided that SCCPs are POPs and established an intersessional working group to prepare a draft risk management evaluation

• **Pentadecafluoroctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds**
  • Satisfied that the screening criteria have been fulfilled for PFOA and established an intersessional working group to prepare a draft risk profile
Eleventh meeting of the Chemical Review Committee
26–28 October 2015, FAO Headquarters, Rome
www.pic.int/crc11/

Adopted 4 decisions, established 2 intersessional drafting groups

• **Short-chained chlorinated paraffins and Tributyltin compounds**
  • Adopted draft DGD and forwarded to COP-8
  • COP-8 to consider listing in Annex III as industrial chemicals

• **Carbofuran and Carbosulfan**
  • Recommended that the COP should list carbofuran and carbosulfan in Annex III as a pesticide
  • Decided to prepare a draft DGD for consideration at CRC-12

• **Atrazine**
  • Deferred its decision on atrazine to CRC-12

• **Dimethoate emulsifiable concentrate 400 g/L**
  • The proposal did not meet the criteria in Annex IV
LEGAL CLARITY (1)

• Part of the Indonesia-Switzerland Country-Led Initiative (CLI) to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention

• Small Intersessional Working Group (SIWG) on legal clarity established by COP-11 with the mandate to work towards clarifying terminology used in the Convention, including through the development of a glossary of terms and related explanations

• SIWG co-chaired by Ms. Jimena Nieto (Colombia) and Mr. Simon Parker (UK), with 24 experts nominated by Parties

• SIWG met twice (June 2014 and January 2015) and submitted outcome of its deliberations to COP-12 (May 2015)

• By its decision BC-12/1, COP-12 invited the SIWG to prepare a revised version of the draft glossary of terms including explanations, and to submit it to the Secretariat five months before the OEWG-10 (30 May – 2 June 2016, Nairobi, Kenya)

• COP-12 also initiated a process for the review of Annexes I, III, IV and related aspects of Annex IX to the Convention
LEGAL CLARITY (2)

• Glossary of terms

  • Third meeting of the SIWG on legal clarity took place from 21 to 22 September 2015 in Geneva (IEH 1).

  • Funding for the meeting provided by Japan

  • SIWG finalized the glossary of terms and related explanations

  • The glossary for OEWG-10 consideration is available in the annex to the meeting report at: http://www.basel.int/Implementation/LegalMatters/LegalClarity/Meetings/3rdmeetingoftheSmallIntersessionalWorkingGr/tabid/4582/mctl/ViewDetails/EventModID/11663/EventID/555/xmid/13958/Default.aspx

• Review of Annexes I, III, IV and related aspects of Annex IX:

  • 30 November 2015 deadline for parties and other to submit views on legally options for reviewing the annexes

  • 30 November deadline for a party to take the lead on the review of Annex IV and related aspects of Annex IX

  • OEWG-10 to consider the matter further.
EXPERT WORKING GROUP ON ESM (1)

• Part of the Indonesia-Switzerland Country-Led Initiative (CLI) to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention

• Expert Working Group (EWG) on environmentally sound management (ESM) met 3 times between COP-11 and COP-12 to develop short term actions and a work programme for implementation of ESM

• COP-12 adopted the work programme of the EWG and requested the EWG to develop activities for its implementation

• COP-12 also requested each regional group to nominate one expert on waste prevention and minimisation to join the Group: nominations received from Africa, Asia and GRULAC (pending). No nominations received from CEE or WEOG

• EWG-4 was held from 10 to 12 November in San Francisco, USA

• Funding for the meeting provided by Japan; the venue for the meeting was provided by Sims Recycling Solutions
FOURTH MEETING OF EWG (2)

• EWG-4 focused on development of the “ESM Toolkit” to include:
  
  • Practical manuals for the promotion of ESM

  • Fact sheets on certain waste streams

  • Manuals on developing strategies for prevention and minimisation, EPR and financing systems for ESM

  • Selection of pilot projects to demonstrate and implement ESM, including potential pilot projects to test the abovementioned manuals and fact sheets

  • An internet portal for the publication and exchange of information on ESM

  • A guide for self-assessment of national ESM capacity

  • Information exchange on promotion of ESM in the informal sector

• Work to continue intersessionally by the Group and through the retention of consultants

• A report and available draft outputs to be submitted to OEWG-10 for its consideration