

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

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*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**
- **Pentadecafluorooctanoic 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

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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