# UPDATE ON BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

#### WORK AND UPCOMING MEETINGS



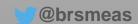
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### Eleventh meeting of the POPs Review Committee

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: <a href="http://www.basel.int/Implementation/LegalMatters/LegalClarity/Meetings/3rdmeetingoftheSmallIntersessionalWorkingGr/tabid/4582/mctl/ViewDetails/EventModID/11663/EventID/555/xmid/13958/Default.aspx</a>

#### 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