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Life cycle management of chemicals and waste

- 186 Parties
- 34 POPs + scientific & socio-economic review process
- Control production, use, import, export, waste, unintentional releases of POPs

- 166 Parties
- 55 chemicals + review process
- PIC procedure for trade in chemicals

- 191 Parties
- Environmentally sound management
- Prevention and minimization of waste
- PIC procedure for the control of transboundary movements
Key elements under the BRS conventions relevant to the new instrument

**Control of transboundary movements of plastic waste**

The control of TBM involves PIC procedure to minimize unrecyclable waste movement while fostering international trade for recycling.

**Minimization and environmentally sound management of plastic waste**

The ESM of plastic waste prioritizes prevention, minimization, and adherence to the waste hierarchy.

**Identification and control of chemicals associated with plastics**

The mechanism to add new chemicals for control; ensure traceability of chemicals in products, articles, stockpiles, waste; reduce unintentional releases of toxic chemicals.
Basel Convention Plastic Waste Amendments

**Annex II**
Plastic waste, including mixtures

**Annex VIII**
Hazardous plastic waste

**Annex IX**
Clean plastic waste for recycling

Effective 1 Jan 2021
Plastic waste and the Basel Convention

July 27, 2021

https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/63f88d8da65841f3a13ba4018d26361d
Technical guidelines on environmentally sound management (ESM) of plastic waste (adopted in 2023)

• Legislative and regulatory framework
  • Extended producer responsibility
  • End-of waste status
  • Transboundary movement requirements
  • Specifications for containers and storage sites
  • Plastic waste treatment and disposal facilities

• Waste prevention and minimization

• Handling, separation, collection, packaging, compaction, transportation, storage

• Environmentally sound disposal, including recycling and final disposal operations

• Health and safety, Emergency response
Chemicals in plastics: Impacts across production, use, recycling, and disposal stages

**Plastic additives**

Every plastic item contains additives that determine the properties of the material and influence the cost of production (Steinmark et al. 2017). Typical additives include stabilisers, fillers, plasticisers, colourants, as well as functional additives such as flame retardants and curing agents (Figure 1). Some plastic additives are hazardous to human health and the environment (Steinmark et al. 2017).

**Leakage and degradation**

Plastics are composed of chains of molecules that can be weakly bound to the polymers of the plastic. The weakly bound additives can leach out of the plastics during normal use, when in landfill, or following incineration disposal in the environment (Wanner and...)

**Functional**

Functional additives include for example stabilizers, antistatic agents, flame retardants, plasticizers, lubricants, slip agents, curing agents, foaming agents, biocides, etc.

**Colorants**

Colorants are substances such as dyes or pigments added to give color to plastics. Some of them are added to give a bright transparent color.

**Fillers**

Fillers are added to change and improve physical properties of plastics. They can be minerals, metals, ceramics, bio-based, glasses, lipids, or even other polymers.

**Reinforcement**

Reinforcement are used to reinforce or improve tensile strength, flexural strength and stiffness of the material. E.g. glass fibres, carbon fibres, etc.

**NIAS**

NIAS are chemicals that arrive in products from processes such as reaction by products or breakdown products.

**Hazardous chemicals in plastics**

A 2018 study found that 3,377 chemicals are potentially associated and 906 chemicals are likely associated with plastic packaging. Out of these, 148 have been identified as most hazardous (Greb et al. 2018).

**Environmental hazards (69 chemicals)**

**Human health hazards (68 chemicals)**

**Persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT) chemicals**

**Endocrine disrupting (65 chemicals)**
Plastics-related chemicals under the Stockholm Convention

**Elimination**
- Specific exemptions

**Restriction**
- Acceptable purposes

**Annex A**
- PFHxS, its salts and PFHxS-related compounds
- PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds
- SCCPs
- PCNs
- PCBs
- DecaBDE

**Annex B**
- PFOS, its salts and PFOSF
- Mirex

**Annex C**
- HexaBDE and HeptaBDE (C-OctaBDE)
- TetraBDE and PentaBDE (C-PentaBDE)
- HBCDD
- Hexabromobiphenyl

**Unintentional releases**
- BAT/BEP
- Dioxins and furans

**34 POPs**
- 17 plastics-related chemicals

**Under review**
- POPs Review Committee
- Long-chain PFCAs
- MCCPs
**Support for implementation**

**Prevention, minimization**
- Engage with private sector, value chain
- Improve design, system, sustainability criteria

**Waste management**
- Technical guidelines on ESM of plastic waste – system and infrastructure
- National plastic waste inventory
- Regulatory, policy and institutional framework
- Prevent open burning, eliminate unintentional releases of toxic chemicals
- Training authorities and informal sector in ESM

**Control trade in plastic waste**
- Improving the PIC procedure
- Exploring e-approaches
- Training customs officers and enforcement authority
- Guidance for collecting and reporting information on TBM of plastic waste
- Regulatory, policy and institutional framework

**Hazardous constituents**
- Stockholm Convention
- Identification of POPs in products and articles, stockpiles and waste
- Global monitoring
- Avoid toxic chemicals to enter into recycling stream
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