

SC-5/5: Work programme on brominated diphenyl ethers and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride

The Conference of the Parties,

Taking note of decision SC-4/19, the recommendations of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee on the elimination of brominated diphenyl ethers from the waste stream and on risk reduction for perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride¹ and the key findings and gaps identified by the Committee in the submissions by parties and observers,²

Considering that the elimination of the production and use of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and brominated diphenyl ethers together with the environmentally sound management of wastes containing perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and brominated diphenyl ethers should be achieved as swiftly as possible to avoid negative effects on human health and the environment,

Recognizing that the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal sets forth requirements for the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and that parts IV and V of Annex A to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants set forth provisions applicable to the recycling of articles containing brominated diphenyl ethers listed under the Convention,

1. *Encourages* parties and other relevant stakeholders to implement where appropriate, taking into account national circumstances, the recommendations set out in the annex to decision POPRC-6/2 on the elimination from the waste stream of brominated diphenyl ethers that are listed in Annex A to the Convention and on risk reduction for perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride;
2. *Encourages* parties to ensure that waste materials containing brominated diphenyl ethers listed in Annex A are not exported to developing countries or countries with economies in transition, consistent with the provisions of the Stockholm Convention, including its paragraph 1 (d) of Article 6, and relevant provisions of the Basel Convention;
3. *Invites* parties to submit information on their experiences in implementing the recommendations, where applicable, or other actions that have the same objectives, to the Secretariat no later than six months before the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
4. *Requests* the Secretariat to prepare a compilation of the information received for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting and to transmit it to the appropriate bodies of the Basel Convention;
5. *Requests* the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee at its seventh meeting to develop terms of reference for a technical paper on the identification and assessment of alternatives to the use of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid in open applications, including the consideration of the following aspects of the substitution of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, taking into account the general guidance on considerations related to alternatives and substitutes for listed persistent organic pollutants and candidate chemicals:³
 - (a) Technical feasibility;
 - (b) Health and environmental effects;
 - (c) Cost-effectiveness;
 - (d) Efficacy;
 - (e) Availability;
 - (f) Accessibility;

1 Decision POPRC-6/2, annex.

2 UNEP/POPS/POPRC.6/13, annex II.

3 UNEP/POPS/POPRC.5/10/Add.1.

6. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to commission a technical paper, based upon the terms of reference to be prepared by the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee pursuant to the preceding paragraph, to be completed in time for its consideration by the Committee at its eighth meeting;

7. *Requests* the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee to develop recommendations on the basis of the technical paper for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting.
