

4. Request for information on POPs wastes technical guidelines

Decision: BC-12/3: Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants

Background:

In accordance with decision BC-11/3, the Conference of the Parties decided to update the general technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants and decided to prepare or update specific technical guidelines concerning POPs, in consultation with the small intersessional working group, for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its ninth meeting, and subsequently by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting.

At its twelfth meeting, in decision BC-12/3, the Conference of the Parties adopted the technical guidelines listed below, which concern persistent organic pollutants. Additionally, the Conference of the Parties agreed on some follow-up activities/requests that are described below:

- General technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants;
- Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride;
- Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes containing or contaminated with unintentionally produced hexachlorobenzene, pentachlorobenzene, polychlorinated biphenyls, polychlorinated dibenzofurans or polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins;
- Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with hexabromobiphenyl, polybrominated biphenyls, polychlorinated biphenyls or polychlorinated terphenyls;
- Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether, or tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether;
- Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with hexabromocyclododecane;
- Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with pesticides aldrin, alpha hexachlorocyclohexane, beta hexachlorocyclohexane, chlordane, chlordecone, dieldrin, endrin, heptachlor, hexachlorobenzene, lindane, mirex, pentachlorobenzene, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, technical endosulfan and its related isomers or toxaphene or with hexachlorobenzene as an industrial chemical.

Requests:

	Request	Respondent(s)	Method of submission	Deadline for submission
(a)	Parties and others are invited to submit comments on the experience in using the technical guidelines.	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	Not later than two months before COP.13 i.e. 23 February 2017 .
(b)	Parties and others are invited to submit comments on the low persistent organic pollutant content values included in the technical guidelines referred to in paragraph 2 of decision BC-12/3 and related information, including on studies, taking into account relevant information available from the Stockholm Convention.	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	Three months in advance of OEWG.10 i.e. 29 February 2016 .

(c)	<p>Parties and organizations are invited to indicate the willingness to take the lead in updating or preparing technical guidelines according to paragraph 11 of decision BC-12/3, taking into account the following tentative tasks:</p> <p>(a) Updating the general technical guidelines referred to in paragraph 2(a) of decision BC-12/3;</p> <p>(b) Updating the technical guidelines referred to in paragraph 2 (d) or (g) of decision BC-12/3 and/or developing new technical guidelines, as appropriate, taking into account decisions SC-7/12, SC-7/13 and SC-7/14, by which the Stockholm Convention listed new chemicals on Annex A, as follows:</p> <p>(i) Hexachlorobutadiene;</p> <p>(ii) Pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters;</p> <p>(iii) Polychlorinated naphthalenes;</p> <p>(c) Updating the technical guidelines referred to in paragraph 2 (c) of decision BC-12/3, taking into account decision SC-7/14, by which the Stockholm Convention listed new chemicals in Annex C.</p>	Parties Organizations	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	15 August 2015
(d)	Parties and others are invited to submit waste-related information on decabromodiphenyl ether.	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	30 August 2016

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