

4. Invitations related to decision OEWG-10/4 on the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants

Decision: OEWG-10/4: Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants

Background:

1. The following activities relating to the technical guidelines on persistent organic pollutants (POPs) were included in the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for the biennium 2016–2017:

(a) Undertake work towards a review of all provisional low POP content values in the technical guidelines referred to in paragraph 2 of decision BC-12/3;

(b) Update the general technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with POPs and prepare or update specific technical guidelines with regard to the chemicals listed in Annexes A and C to the Stockholm Convention by decisions SC-7/12–SC-7/14, including the following:

- (i) Establishment of levels of destruction and irreversible transformation for the chemicals necessary to ensure that when disposed of they do not exhibit the characteristics of POPs specified in paragraph 1 of Annex D to the Stockholm Convention;
- (ii) Determination of which disposal methods constitute environmentally sound disposal as referred to in paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Stockholm Convention;
- (iii) Establishment, as appropriate, of the concentration levels of the chemicals in order to define for the Stockholm Convention low POP content as referred to in paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Convention.

2. At its tenth meeting, the Open-ended Working Group reviewed the following draft technical guidelines and a compilation of comments on low POP contents:

- (a) UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/18: Draft technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with hexachlorobutadiene
- (b) UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/19: Draft technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters
- (c) UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/20: Draft updated technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls, polychlorinated terphenyls, polychlorinated naphthalenes or polybrominated biphenyls including hexabromobiphenyl
- (d) UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/21: Draft updated technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes containing or contaminated with unintentionally produced polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins, polychlorinated dibenzofurans, hexachlorobenzene, polychlorinated biphenyls, pentachlorobenzene or polychlorinated naphthalenes
- (e) UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/23: Compilation of comments on low persistent organic pollutant contents

3. By its decision OEWG-10/4, the Open-ended Working group invited Parties and others to provide comments and information on the various technical guidelines on POPs and on the low POP content values in accordance with the workplans set out in the annex to that decision. The Secretariat was requested to publish sets of comments and revised versions of the technical guidelines on the website of the Convention.

Invitations:

	Invitations	Respondents	Method of submission	Deadline for submission
(a)	Parties and others are invited to submit comments on the draft technical guidelines contained in documents UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/18, INF/19, INF/20 and INF/21, as referred to in section A of the annex to decision OEWG-10/4.	Parties and others	Please submit comments on the draft technical guidelines contained in documents UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/18, INF/19, INF/20 and INF/21 to the Secretariat contact point provided below. The documents are available at: www.basel.in/oewg10	15 September 2016
(b)	Parties and others are invited to submit comments on the first revised drafts of the general technical guidelines set out in document UNEP/CHW.12/5/Add.2/Rev.1 and the technical guidelines on pesticides set out in document UNEP/CHW.12/5/Add.9 to be prepared by Canada and the Secretariat, respectively, in consultation with the small intersessional working group, as referred to in section B of the annex to decision OEWG-10/4.	Parties and others	The first revised drafts of the general technical guidelines set out in document UNEP/CHW.12/5/Add.2/Rev.1 and the technical guidelines on pesticides set out in document UNEP/CHW.12/5/Add.9 will be prepared by Canada and the Secretariat, respectively, in consultation with the small intersessional working group by 30 September 2016 . Please submit comments on those drafts to the Secretariat contact point provided below.	15 November 2016
(c)	Parties and others are invited to submit comments on the second revised drafts of the general technical guidelines set out in document UNEP/CHW.12/5/Add.2/Rev.1 and the technical guidelines on pesticides set out in document UNEP/CHW.12/5/Add.9 to be prepared by Canada and the Secretariat, respectively, as referred to in section B of the annex to decision OEWG-10/4.	Parties and others	The second revised drafts of the general technical guidelines set out in document UNEP/CHW.12/5/Add.2/Rev.1 and the technical guidelines on pesticides set out in document UNEP/CHW.12/5/Add.9 will be prepared by Canada and the Secretariat, respectively, by 17 January 2017 . Please submit comments on those drafts to the Secretariat contact point provided below.	28 February 2017

	Invitations	Respondents	Method of submission	Deadline for submission
(d)	Parties and others are invited to submit, taking into account relevant information from the work undertaken in the framework of the Stockholm Convention, further comments on the low persistent organic pollutant content values included in the existing and draft technical guidelines, and on related information, including on: (a) countries' implementation and related challenges; (b) analytical capabilities for measuring persistent organic pollutant content; and (c) studies, as referred to in section C of the annex to decision OEWG-10/4.	Parties and others	Please submit further comments on the low persistent organic pollutant content values included in the existing and draft technical guidelines, and on related information to the Secretariat contact point provided below.	15 December 2016

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