**Meeting of the Small Intersessional Working Group on the technical guidelines on D5 and on D10 (teleconference)**

Date: 9th of October 2017
Time: 15:00h (Geneva Time)

For the list of attendees, please see Annex I of this document.

**1. Introductory remarks**

* The Secretariat delivered the welcoming remark.
* The meeting was facilitated by a representative of Canada, one of the lead countries for updating the technical guidelines on D5 and on D10. The other lead country is Argentina.
* Adoption of the agenda: the group decided to change the order of agenda items 2 and 3.

**2. Discussion of key issues in technical guidelines**

1. Incineration on land (D10)
* The group first focused its discussion on the scope of the technical guidelines. One participant suggested discussing whether the operation R1 could also be covered in the guidelines because the technical aspects would be similar and there are no TGs on R1. This participant indicated that it could simply be mentioned that both operations are covered and focus the content of the guidelines on the environmentally sound incineration, without addressing the distinction between R1 and D10 (as done in the General TGs on POPs).
* The group discussed whether waste type Y46 should be considered or not.
* The leads will consider how these points may be dealt with when they work on the document.
* If R1 is reflected in the guidelines, the title of the document will need to be revised accordingly.
1. Specially Engineered landfill (D5)
* The group discussed the scope of the guidelines. The relationship between operation D1 and D5 should be discussed.
* It was mentioned that specially engineered landfills could be used for both hazardous wastes and other wastes (i.e. waste listed in Annex II, namely wastes collected from households (Y46) and residues arising from the incineration of household wastes (Y47)). These should be referred to in the document. One option could be to have separate sections in the guidelines which would address the various types of landfilling classes, technologies, waste acceptance criteria, requirements etc.
* It was suggested to look into the possibility of including permanent storage operation (D12) in the scope of the guidelines as there are no TGs on D12 (however certain aspects are covered by the General TGs on POP wastes and the TGs on mercury waste). After discussion among members, it was suggested that at this point, leads will assess possible linkages with D12 and see how some information could be reflected in the guidelines. At a later stage, this could be reconsidered and if so, added expertise from different countries, Germany in particular, will be needed to support the work of the leads in this area.
1. General comments
* One participant shared the relevant EU directives related to the work of the guidelines and the European BAT Reference (BREF) document on waste incineration from 2006. This participant informed that a draft revised BREF from May 2017 is available and that the work on revising this BREF may take until about the end of 2018. The leads agreed to take into account the material in the update of the guidelines.
* The group discussed that work on these guidelines may be useful in the concurrent activities to the review of the Annexes and vice versa.

**3. Review of the programme of work**

* The representative of Canada presented the draft programme of work (POW).
* The group agreed that a revised outline of each guideline should first be reviewed and discussed by the SIWG members before the leads start the drafting process. This is to be added to the POW.
* It was pointed out that the outlines will be in draft format and they may need to be revised once the leads start working on the content of the documents.
* The group agreed on submitting drafts of both guidelines, even if not complete, for the consideration of the OEWG-11 in September 2018.
* Given the low number of participants in this SIWG, the group decided that the leads will discuss with the Secretariat the possibility of sending a reminder to all Parties and observers to join the SIWG.

**4. Working modalities**

* The Secretariat mentioned that a mailing list was created for this group to facilitate the communication of the members of the SIWG (siwg-d05-d10@brsmeas.org).
* The Secretariat is checking the option of having an electronic platform for the group to share documents on the web.

**5. Other matters**

* The group discussed the paper “Thought starter” which was circulated before the meeting by the leads. Some of the points raised were the following:
	+ The aspects related to costs of landfilling will be challenging to reflect in the guidelines as these vary significantly across countries and would be difficult to maintain up-to date. Financial aspects could however be discussed in general terms. One participant suggested not including information on costs, also since such information is not included in any of the recently adopted TGs.
	+ The documents should focus on the environmentally sound landfilling and incineration.
	+ Information on the “cradle to grave” concept should be referred to in one paragraph as a good waste management approach.
	+ The group will further discuss the types of landfilling which will be covered in the guidelines, as well as the types of waste. It was discussed that liquid waste needs to be included in the incineration guidelines.
	+ One participant questioned the necessity of including issues related to a “burning test” in the TGs on incineration.
	+ A representative of Germany will send a study about techniques involved in incineration.
	+ It was also discussed that the lead countries should consider other relevant Basel guidelines (e.g., General TGs on POP wastes, TGs on co-processing hazardous wastes in cement kilns and TGs on mercury waste) to ensure consistency in the development of the guidelines and build upon the structure and existing information in these guidelines.
* The Secretariat and leads will prepare a summary of the call and circulate for the review of the SIWG members.
* Leads will review the POW to include the consultation with the SIWG on the outline of both technical guidelines and also add one conference call in November/December 2017.
* Leads and/or Secretariat to send another invitation to all Basel Parties and others for their participation in this work.

**Annex I – List of attendees**

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