

BC-14/4: Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Welcomes* with appreciation the contributions made by the Government of Norway as lead country and by the small intersessional working group to the tasks pertaining to the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants;
2. *Adopts* the following technical guidelines:
 - (a) Updated general technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants;¹
 - (b) Updated 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 or decabromodiphenyl ether;²
 - (c) 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, polychlorinated naphthalenes or hexachlorobutadiene;³
 - (d) Updated technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with hexachlorobutadiene;⁴
 - (e) Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with short-chain chlorinated paraffins;⁵
3. *Requests* the Secretariat to disseminate the technical guidelines referred to in paragraph 2 of the present decision to Parties and others in the six official languages of the United Nations;
4. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the small intersessional working group established by paragraph 9 of decision OEWG-I/4 to provide that the group shall monitor and assist in the review, updating and preparation, as appropriate, of technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants, working in particular by electronic means;
5. *Recognizes* that provisional low persistent organic pollutant content values have been established at previous meetings of the Conference of the Parties and that knowledge limitations have posed challenges to the setting of such values;
6. *Decides* to continue working towards a review of provisional low persistent organic pollutant content values in the technical guidelines referred to in paragraph 2 (a) of the present decision, and other technical guidelines, as appropriate, before the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, with a view to establishing lower low persistent organic pollutant content values at least for hexabromodiphenyl ether (hexaBDE) and heptabromodiphenyl ether (heptaBDE), tetrabromodiphenyl ether (tetraBDE) and pentabromodiphenyl ether (pentaBDE), decabromodiphenyl ether (decaBDE) and short-chain chlorinated paraffins at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
7. *Invites* Parties and observers to submit to the Secretariat, no fewer than three months in advance of the twelfth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, comments on the low persistent

¹ UNEP/CHW.14/7/Add.1/Rev.1.

² UNEP/CHW.14/7/Add.3/Rev.1.

³ UNEP/CHW.14/7/Add.4/Rev.1.

⁴ UNEP/CHW.14/7/Add.5/Rev.1.

⁵ UNEP/CHW.14/7/Add.2/Rev.1.

technical guidelines will need to be updated or developed for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting;

13. *Requests* the Secretariat:

(a) To prepare a compilation of the comments and information referred to in paragraph 7 of the present decision for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its twelfth meeting;

(b) To continue to provide, subject to the availability of resources, training to developing-country Parties and other Parties in need of assistance in using the adopted technical guidelines, organizing such activities in cooperation with the regional and coordinating centres under the Basel Convention or by other appropriate means;

(c) To report on the implementation of the present decision to the Open-ended Working Group at its twelfth meeting and to the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.