

OEWG-9/3: Technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants

The Open-ended Working Group

1. *Welcomes* with appreciation the contribution by Canada in chairing the small intersessional working group and expresses its appreciation to the lead countries Canada, China and Japan, lead organizations the United Nations Environment Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the small intersessional working group for their contributions to the tasks pertaining to technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of persistent organic pollutants;

2. *Takes note* of the draft technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants prepared by the lead countries and lead organizations;¹

3. *Acknowledges* the supporting document for the development of section III of the general technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants² and takes note of the information provided at the ninth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group;³

4. *Takes note* of the following concentration levels to define low persistent organic pollutant content indicated at the ninth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group and invites parties and others to provide comments on the levels to the Secretariat by 31 October 2014:

(a) Endosulfan: 50 mg/kg;

(b) Pentachlorobenzene: 50 mg/kg;

(c) Hexabromobiphenyl: 50 mg/kg;

(d) Hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether and tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether: 1000 mg/kg as a sum;

(e) Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride: 50 mg/kg;

(f) Hexabromocyclododecane: 100 mg/kg and 1000 mg/kg;

5. *Invites* the lead countries and lead organizations to consider the comments received pursuant to paragraph 4 above and the comments provided at the ninth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group and to further revise the draft guidelines referred to in paragraph 2 above by 27 November 2014 for publication on the website of the Basel Convention on the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal and requests the Secretariat to transmit the revised drafts for translation from English into the

¹ UNEP/CHW/OEWG.9/INF/9-13 and INF/23.

² UNEP/CHW/OEWG.9/INF/9/Add.1.

³ UNEP/CHW/OEWG.9/INF/9/Add.2.

five other official languages of the United Nations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting;

6. *Invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to prepare by 27 November 2014 updated draft technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with pesticides, taking into account the comments previously received from parties and others, for publication on the website of the Basel Convention and requests the Secretariat to transmit the revised draft for translation from English into the five other official languages of the United Nations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting;

7. *Invites* parties and others to provide comments to the Secretariat on the revised draft guidelines referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 above by 23 January 2015;

8. *Invites* the lead countries and lead organizations to prepare further revised drafts, in consultation with the small intersessional working group, of the draft technical guidelines referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 above by 6 March 2015 for publication on the website of the Basel Convention and requests the Secretariat to make them available as information documents for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention;

9. *Invites* parties and others to provide by 10 April 2015 comments on the further draft technical guidelines made available on the website of the Basel Convention and requests the Secretariat to compile the comments received for information and to publish them on the Basel Convention website;

10. *Recognizes* the significance of decabromodiphenyl ether as a precursor to pentabromodiphenyl ether and octabromodiphenyl ether and recommends to the Conference of the Parties that at its twelfth meeting it consider specifying and including work related to decabromodiphenyl ether in the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2016–2017, taking into account the work undertaken under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, and inviting parties to consider serving as lead country for such work;

11. *Recognizes also* the need to clarify the applicability of the Basel Convention to waste consisting of, containing or contaminated with polybrominated diphenyl ethers and recommends to the Conference of the Parties that at its twelfth meeting it consider including work on the interpretation of entry A3180 in Annex VIII to the Basel Convention in the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2016–2017;

12. *Requests* the Secretariat to transmit to the Stockholm Convention Secretariat the comments made by the Open-ended Working Group⁴ on four Stockholm Convention draft guidance documents⁵ by 31 October 2014 at the latest, as requested in paragraph 9 (b) of decision BC-11/3;

⁴ UNEP/CHW/OEWG.9/INF/30/Rev.1.

⁵ Draft guidance document for the inventory of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and related chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention (2012), draft guidance for the inventory of polybrominated diphenyl ethers listed under the Stockholm Convention (2012), draft guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices for the use of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and related chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention (2012); draft guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices for recycling and waste disposal of articles containing polybrominated diphenyl ethers listed under the Stockholm Convention (2012).

13. *Requests* the Secretariat to inform the appropriate bodies of the Stockholm Convention of the work undertaken by the Open-ended Working Group relating to the technical guidelines on persistent organic pollutants.