

(5) Request for comments on the proposed amendments submitted by Finland and the Netherlands and comments on the draft text referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of decision OEWG-8/6

Decision: OEWG-8/6: Applications for new entries to Annex IX to the Basel Convention

Background:

The Open-ended Working Group at its eighth meeting took note of the proposed amendments to the list of wastes contained in Annex IX to the Basel Convention submitted by Finland, Ireland and the Netherlands. The proposals are compiled in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.8/INF/11.

In paragraph 2 of decision OEWG-8/6, the Working Group agreed to forward to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its eleventh meeting the following draft entry to Annex IX to the Basel Convention:

“B3075 Natural plant-based biomass waste from agriculture, horticulture, forestry, gardens, parks and cemeteries, not containing Annex I materials in concentrations sufficient to exhibit Annex III characteristics and not containing invasive species”

In paragraph 3 of decision OEWG-8/6, the Working Group also took note of the following possible alternative draft entry to Annex IX to the Basel Convention, to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting, in which the proposals submitted by Finland and the Netherlands may be merged, while noting that the proposed amendment on label laminate waste may or may not be integrated:

“B3025 Composite packaging consisting [mainly] of paper, plastic and aluminium and [fractions containing these materials] from the pre-treatment of such packaging [, including [pressure sensitive adhesive] label laminate waste], not containing residues and not containing Annex I materials in concentrations sufficient to exhibit Annex III characteristics”

Request:

- Parties and others are invited to submit to the Secretariat, by 31 January 2013, taking into account documents UNEP/CHW/OEWG.8/INF/12 and Add.1, further comments on the proposed amendments submitted by Finland and the Netherlands and comments on the draft text referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of decision OEWG-8/6.

Method of submission:

- Documents UNEP/CHW/OEWG.8/INF11, UNEP/CHW/OEWG.8/INF12 and Add.1 are available on the Basel Convention's website under OEWG-8 section (www.basel.int).
- Please submit the comments to the Secretariat by e-mail (ibrahim.shafii@unep.org) or by Fax (+41 22 917 8098).

Deadline for submission:

- **31 January 2013**

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