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Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution
Task Force on Persistent Organic Pollutants**The technical review of dossiers of substances that
be proposed by Parties for inclusion into annexes I
and III of the 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic
Pollutants (POPs)**

This information package has been prepared by the Co-Chairs of the Task Force on POPs. It helps those who are unfamiliar with the LRTAP Protocol on POPs, but who because of their experience may be asked to assist in the technical review of dossiers proposals to add new substances to the Protocol. As a result of it being a simplified summary, much material has been omitted. A full description of the process can be found in the official documents cited below which are all available on this website.

The package contains the following sections:

I. Explanation of the process

II. The review

III. The reviewer - Nomination Framework Form

IV. Generic guidelines for the technical review of dossiers of new substances that may be proposed by Parties for inclusion into Annexes I, II and III to the Protocol

V. Executive Body Decision 1998/2

VI. Tentative abbreviated work schedule for substance reviews: 1 December 2005 - 31 December 2005

Proposals for NEW POPs

In accordance with article 14.6 of the Protocol on POPs Parties to the Protocol can propose new substances to be added to annex I, II or III. A Party proposing a new substance should provide the Executive Body with information about the substance as specified in Executive Body decision 1998/2. Parties discuss the proposals at a session of the Executive Body provided the proposals have circulated ninety days in advance.

Substances proposed at the twenty-third session of the Executive Body

The European Commission has submitted a proposal for amendment to the Protocol with regard to the following five substances: Hexachlorobutadiene, octaBDE, pentachlorobenzene, Polychlorinated biphenyls, SCCPs

The Netherlands has re-submitted the dossier on dicofo for technical review.

The Working Group on Strategies and Review suggested that, pending decision by the Executive Body at its twenty-third session, during the 90-day period between the submission of dossiers and the session of the Executive Body, the dossiers be available on the Convention's website for comment and submission of additional information by all interested persons or groups. In view of this suggestion, the secretariat invited comments and submissions related to these dossiers.

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Additional information was received from:

- MSC-East on dicofol, Hexachlorobutadiene, PeCB, and PCN
- the Bromine Science and Environmental Forum (BSEF) on octaBDE
- Canada on additional literature relevant to the proposed dossiers
- Dow AgroSciences on dicofol
- The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) on PFOS
- The Netherlands on PCN, dicofol, Hexachlorobutadiene and pentachlorobenzene
- The Chlorinated Paraffins Industry on SCCPs, letter
- The World Chlorine Council on HCBd, PCN, PeCB, PeCB_add.

Regarding substances under review, the following information was received:

- 3M Company on PFOS : Letter
- Taft, Stettinius & Hollister LLP on PFOS: Letter, Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C, Exhibit D, Exl Exhibit F

Comments to the commentsPCN, Comments to the commentsHCBd, Comments to the comm
Summary of comments on SCCPs, Summary of comments on OctaBDE

Substances proposed at the twenty-second session of the Executive Body

Perfluorooctane sulphonate (PFOS) submitted by Sweden

Pentabromodiphenyl ether (pentaBDE) submitted by Norway; Annex to the dossier

At the request of the Executive Body the Task Force conducted a technical review of these two substances and reported on progress to the Working Group on Strategies and Review at its 3rd session in September 2005 (EB.AIR/WG.5/2005/1).

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