

## **(5) Request for information on brominated diphenyl ethers and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid**

Decision: SC-6/7: Work programme on brominated diphenyl ethers and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride

### Background:

At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties noted the information provided by parties on their experiences in implementing the recommendations set out in the annex to decision POPRC-6/2 and the low rate of response from parties, and further invited parties that had not yet done so to submit such information to the Secretariat no later than six months before the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The information received, where relevant, shall be taken into consideration in the evaluation by the Conference of the Parties of the progress that parties have made towards eliminating brominated diphenyl ethers contained in articles and the review of the continued need for the specific exemption for those chemicals, as well as for the evaluation of the continued need for perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (PFOSF) for the various acceptable purposes and specific exemptions.

The Conference of the Parties also encouraged parties to consider stopping their use of PFOS, its salts and PFOSF and their related chemicals for the applications where safer alternatives have been identified and are commercially available. It also invited parties that still use PFOS, its salts and PFOSF and their related chemicals for the control of leaf-cutting ants from *Atta spp.* and *Acromyrmex spp.* to undertake studies to obtain peer-reviewed information on the feasibility of using alternatives within an integrated pest management approach.

### Requests:

- Parties, that have not yet done so, are invited to submit to the Secretariat information on their experiences in implementing the recommendations set out in the annex to decision POPRC-6/2, including on any challenges encountered; (request a)
- Parties that still use PFOS, its salts and PFOSF and their related chemicals for the control of leaf-cutting ants from *Atta spp.* and *Acromyrmex spp.* are invited to undertake studies, including pilot projects, to obtain peer-reviewed information on the feasibility of using alternatives to PFOS, its salts and PFOSF and their related chemicals within an integrated pest management approach and to submit any results to the Secretariat. (request b)

### Respondents:

- Parties.

### Method of submission:

- All the submissions are to be made to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.

### Deadlines for submissions:

- For request a: **31 October 2014** for submission of information on experiences in implementing the recommendations set out in the annex to decision POPRC-6/2;
- For request b: None specified in the decision; please submit comments by **31 October 2014** in order for them to be included in the report to be prepared by the Secretariat on this issue for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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