

Annex IV

Proposal on next steps for short-chained chlorinated paraffins

1. The concluding statement of the draft risk profile for short-chained chlorinated paraffins³¹ features two options for the final conclusion:

(a) Based on the available evidence, it is concluded that short-chained chlorinated paraffins are likely, as a result of their long-range environmental transport, to lead to significant adverse environmental and human health effects such that global action is warranted; or

(b) Based on available information, there is inadequate evidence to support the conclusion that short-chained chlorinated paraffins are likely, as a result of their long-range environmental transport, to lead to significant adverse environmental and human health effects such that global action is warranted.

2. At its sixth meeting, the Committee discussed the draft risk profile and the proposed conclusions, but was unable to take a decision because of uncertainties in applying the criteria specified in Annex E to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. It therefore established an intersessional working group, as described in annex III to the report of the meeting.³²

3. Having discussed the application of the criteria specified in Annex E to the Convention to short-chained chlorinated paraffins and considered the outcome of the case study on toxicological interactions of chlorinated paraffins,³³ the Committee agreed to establish an ad hoc working group to undertake the following activities in accordance with a workplan to be agreed upon by the working group members:

(a) To revise the relevant parts of the draft risk profile to incorporate information on toxicological interactions of chlorinated paraffins for consideration by the Committee at its eighth meeting;

(b) To compile issues and principles to be applied in the interpretation of the Annex E criteria for consideration by the Committee at its eighth meeting.

31 UNEP/POPS/POPRC.6/11/Rev.1.

32 UNEP/POPS/POPRC.6/13.

33 UNEP/POPS/POPRC/7/INF/15.