

**Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants**اتفاقية استكهولم بشأن الملوثات العضوية الثابتة • 关于持久性有机污染物的斯德哥尔摩公约 • Convention de Stockholm sur les polluants organiques persistants
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Subject: Invitation to provide comments on the draft review of the additional information on chemical alternatives to hexabromocyclododecane and the production and use of hexabromocyclododecane

At its seventh meeting held in Geneva from 10 to 14 October 2011, the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee of the Stockholm Convention adopted the risk management evaluation for hexabromocyclododecane, as set out in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.6/13/Add.2, and decided in accordance with paragraph 9 of Article 8 of the Convention, to recommend to the Conference of the Parties, that it consider listing hexabromocyclododecane in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention.

The Committee also invited an intersessional working group to collect further information on:

- (a) Chemical alternatives to hexabromocyclododecane, especially in expanded polystyrene or extruded polystyrene foam applications, in terms of their availability, cost, efficacy, efficiency and health and environmental impact, especially with regard to their persistent organic pollutant properties;
- (b) Production and use of hexabromocyclododecane, especially for expanded polystyrene or extruded polystyrene foam applications.

At its eighth meeting, the Committee will review the additional information and consider whether to specify the annex to the Convention and possible exemptions to be considered by the Conference of the Parties in listing hexabromocyclododecane.

Parties and observers were invited to submit the above-mentioned information on alternatives to, and production and use of, hexabromocyclododecane and the drafter and the chair of the intersessional working group prepared the attached draft review of the information.

You are invited to **provide your technical comments on the draft review of the additional information on chemical alternatives to hexabromocyclododecane and the production and use of hexabromocyclododecane** to the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee by **22 June 2012**.

Submissions will be appreciated in electronic files by e-mail to: ssc@pops.int and awarmuth@pops.int.

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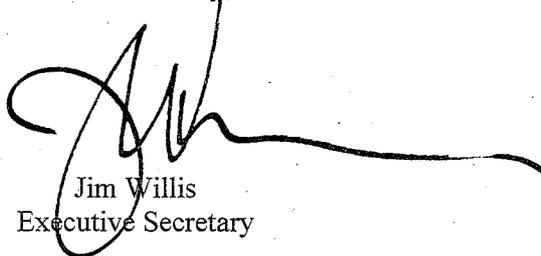
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Yours sincerely,



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