

**Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants**العاقبة 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
Convenio de Estocolmo sobre Contaminantes Orgánicos Persistentes · Стокгольмская конвенция о стойких органических загрязнителях**To:** Stockholm Convention Official Contact Points
Stockholm Convention National Focal Points**Date:** 3 December 2007**From:** Donald Cooper
Executive Secretary
Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention on
Persistent Organic Pollutants**File:** KI/Annex E**Subject:** Invitation to submit additional information specified in Annex E of the
Stockholm Convention to the POPs Review Committee on Short Chained
Chlorinated Paraffins

The third meeting of the Stockholm Convention Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee took place on 19-23 November 2007 in Geneva. The report of the meeting will soon be available at the Convention web site
http://www.pops.int/documents/meetings/poprc_3/meetingdocs/default.htm.

The Committee has the draft risk profile of Short-chained chlorinated paraffins proposed by the European Communities and the Member States that are Parties to the Convention for the addition to Annexes A, B and/or C of the Convention.

In accordance with paragraph 7 (a) of Article 8 of the Convention, the Committee examined the draft risk profiles and considered that the information available was insufficient to support a decision on the risk profile. Therefore, the Committee agreed to defer its final decision to its Fourth meeting and invited Parties and observers to submit to the Secretariat additional information specified in Annex E of the Convention.

The committee has established an ad hoc Working Group mandated to review and update the risk profile with new information submitted by the Parties and observers for its consideration at its Fourth meeting.

What information is required?

You are invited to submit information specified in Annex E according to the guidance provided in this letter, particularly toxicity and ecotoxicity information. The initial proposals for SCCP, the evaluation of this proposal and the draft risk profile submitted to the Third meeting of the Committee are available at the Convention web site:
(http://www.pops.int/documents/meetings/poprc/docs/chem_review.htm).

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How to submit information?

A form, attached in English and available in five other official UN languages at our website: (<http://www.pops.int/documents/meetings/poprc/docs/comments.htm>) is provided to facilitate the submission of information required.

You are kindly requested to complete this form providing clear and precise references for each source of information. Without this information the Committee will not be able to process it accordingly. Please make sure that the name of the chemical is clearly indicated.

If the information is not readily available in the public literature, you may consider attaching the original source of information with your submission.

Attached to this letter is a supplementary set of explanatory notes on how to complete the form which was developed by the Committee.

In relation to the confidentiality of the submitted information, please note that provisional confidentiality arrangements agreed upon by the Committee are available at our website.

We would be most grateful to receive the required information **in English no later than 5 February 2008**. Information in **any other UN official language** (Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish and Russian) should be submitted **by 10 January 2008**. In addition, it would be greatly appreciated if you could submit it by email: ssc@pops.int.

Should this not be possible please forward hard copies or CD Rom to:

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If you have any further questions regarding this request or you would like to receive hard copies of the documents from the POPs Review Committee, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Fatoumata Keita Ouane (e-mail: fouane@pops.int; telephone +41 22 917 8161).

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