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Process to develop draft risk profiles

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its first meeting, the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee established ad hoc working groups to develop draft risk profiles, in accordance with Annex E of the Convention, on pentabromodiphenyl ether, chlordecone, hexabromobiphenyl, lindane and perfluorooctane sulfonate.¹ The composition of each of the ad hoc working groups is set forth in annex VI of the report of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee on the work of its first meeting (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/10).
2. The ad hoc working groups prepared the draft risk profiles in accordance with the risk profile outline set forth in annex IV of document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/10 and the standard workplan for the preparation of a draft risk profile set forth in its annex II. The standard workplan is reproduced in the annex to the present note for ease of reference.
3. In accordance with the standard workplan, each of the ad hoc working groups considered comments submitted on the first drafts of the risk profiles in the development of the second drafts. Each group prepared a listing of comments received and responses thereto, which are set forth in documents UNEP/POPRC.2/INF/15 (pentabromodiphenyl ether), UNEP/POPS/POPRC.2/INF/16 (chlordecone), UNEP/POPS/POPRC.2/INF/17 (hexabromobiphenyl), UNEP/POPS/POPRC.2/INF/18 (lindane) and UNEP/POPS/POPRC.2/INF/19 (perfluorooctane sulfonate).
4. The second drafts of the risk profiles on pentabromodiphenyl ether, chlordecone, hexabromobiphenyl, lindane and perfluorooctane sulfonate are contained in documents UNEP/POPS/POPRC.2/7, UNEP/POPS/POPRC.2/8, UNEP/POPS/POPRC.2/9, UNEP/POPS/POPRC.2/10 and UNEP/POPS/POPRC.2/11 respectively. They will be considered by the Committee at its second meeting for possible adoption.

* UNEP/POPS/POPRC.2/1.

¹ UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/10, annex I, decisions POPRC-1/3, 4, 5 and 7.

Annex

Standard workplan for the preparation of a draft risk profile

Weeks	Date	Activity
1	18 Nov. 2005	Secretariat distributes request for information specified in Annex E (with proposal and evaluation) to Parties and observers
11	27 Jan. 2006	Deadline for submissions of information to the Secretariat from Parties and observers
8	27 Jan–24 March 2006	Drafter prepares working draft risk profile
5	24 March–28 April 2006	Ad hoc working group considers working draft risk profile and prepares a first draft risk profile for comments
1	9 May 2006	Secretariat distributes draft risk profile requesting comments from POPRC, Parties and observers
5	16 June 2006	Deadline for submission of comments on the first draft risk profile to the Secretariat from POPRC, Parties and observers
6	16 June–28 July 2006	Ad hoc working group considers comments and prepares a second draft risk profile
1	4 Aug. 2006	Secretariat submits draft risk profile to conference services for editing and translation
7	4 Aug. – 25 Sep. 2006	Editing and translation
0	25 Sep. 2006	Secretariat distributes final draft risk profile in languages
6	6–10 Nov. 2006	POPRC-2

Definitions, roles and responsibilities

1. The term “drafter” is applied to the person designated by the Committee to prepare a working draft risk profile for consideration by the ad hoc working group. The drafter could be the proponent of the chemical, but not necessarily so.
2. An ad hoc working group is established by the Committee to review a working draft risk profile and to prepare the draft risk profile. The Committee agreed that the chair of any given group could declare that group closed and thereby convert it into a drafting group.