

STOCKHOLM CONVENTION

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COMMUNICATION

EXPIRY OF SPECIFIC EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN CHEMICALS LISTED IN ANNEXES A AND B TO THE STOCKHOLM CONVENTION:

REVISION TO REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION

Further to the communications by the Secretariat of 11 April 2024 (SC/COM/02.2024) and the circulation on 8 May 2024 of two requests for extensions of specific exemptions submitted by the Republic of Korea in relation to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (PFOSF), as well as perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds, this Party has transmitted revised requests for these extensions.

The Republic of Korea has clarified that it wishes to proceed with extension requests for the following uses:

- (a) **PFOS, its salts and PFOSF:** Fire-fighting foam for liquid fuel vapor suppression and liquid fuel fires (Class B fires) in installed systems, including both mobile and fixed systems, in accordance with paragraph 10 of Part III of Annex B;
- (b) **PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds:** Fire-fighting foam for liquid fuel vapor suppression and liquid fuel fires (Class B fires) in installed systems, including both mobile and fixed systems, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Part X of Annex A.

The requests for extensions of the other specific exemptions have been withdrawn.

These revised requests, along with related reports and information submitted by Parties, will be considered by the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention scheduled to take place in Geneva from 28 April to 9 May 2025. All relevant information has been made available on the Convention website at <https://chm.pops.int/Implementation/Exemptions/Requestsforextensionofanexemption/tabid/9978/Default.aspx>.

As indicated in the Secretariat's earlier communications, the Conference of the Parties will decide on these extension requests at its twelfth meeting, prior to the expiry date of the exemptions, in accordance with the revised review process for entries in the Register of Specific Exemptions (annex to decision SC-3/3, as revised by decisions SC-4/3 and SC-7/1).

The Secretariat (Ms. Kei Ohno Woodall; E-mail: kei.ohno@un.org; Ms. Yvonne Ewang-Sanvincenti; Email: yvonne.ewang-sanvincenti@un.org) remains available to provide further assistance to Parties as required.

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