

**(2) Request on guidelines on best available techniques  
and provisional guidance on best environmental practices  
(updated from the first letter)**

Decision: SC-6/10: Guidelines on best available techniques and provisional guidance on best environmental practices

Background:

At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted the workplan for the review and updating of the guidelines on best available techniques (BAT) and provisional guidance on best environmental practices (BEP), set out in the annex to decision SC-6/10, and invited parties to actively engage in the implementation of the workplan. The Conference of the Parties also requested the Secretariat to invite detailed comments on the draft guidance on BAT and BEP for the use of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS)<sup>2</sup> and the draft guidance on BAT and BEP for the recycling and waste disposal of articles containing polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs)<sup>3</sup> by 30 September 2013. A second round of comments will be invited by 31 October 2014 to facilitate the development of the revised draft guidance for submission to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Requests:

- Parties are invited to actively engage in the implementation of the workplan of the BAT and BEP expert group, by submitting new information for consideration in the update of the guidelines on BAT and BEP relevant to Article 5 and Annex C of the Stockholm Convention, in particular new information on areas of concern identified by parties such as brick kilns, charcoal production, artisanal metal production, primary iron and steel production (other than sinter plants), galvanizing, quarantine waste incineration at borders, waste oil disposal and reuse, landfill gas and leachate management;<sup>4</sup> (request a)
- Parties are invited to provide detailed comments on the draft guidance on BAT and BEP for the use of PFOS and the draft guidance on the BAT and BEP for the recycling and waste disposal of articles containing PBDEs; (request b)
- Parties are invited to share their experiences on taking the guidelines and guidance into consideration when applying BAT and BEP pursuant to Article 5 of the Stockholm Convention; (request c)
- Parties are invited to nominate experts with specific expertise in BAT and BEP to the joint Toolkit and BAT and BEP expert roster. (request d)

Respondents:

- Parties.

Method of submission:

- All submissions are to be made to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.

Deadlines for submissions:

- For request b:
  - **30 September 2013** for submission of comments on the draft guidance on BAT and BEP for the use of PFOS and the draft guidance on the BAT and BEP for the recycling and waste disposal of articles containing PBDEs;
  - **31 October 2014** for submission of second round comments on revised draft guidance<sup>5</sup>;
- For request a: **31 October 2014** for new information for consideration in the update of the guidelines on BAT and BEP relevant to Article 5 and Annex C of the Stockholm Convention;
- For request c: **31 October 2014** for the comments on experiences in taking the guidelines and guidance into consideration when applying BAT and BEP pursuant to Article 5 of the Stockholm Convention;
- For request d: The joint Toolkit and BAT and BEP expert roster remains open for nominations at all times.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://chm.pops.int/Implementation/NIPs/Guidance/GuidanceonBATBEPfortheuseofPFOS/tabid/3170/Default.aspx>

<sup>3</sup> <http://chm.pops.int/Implementation/NIPs/Guidance/GuidanceonBATBEPfortherecyclingofPBDEs/tabid/3172/Default.aspx>

<sup>4</sup> This request has been newly added to the second letter.

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