

Norway's proposal for amendments to annexes I and II of the UNECE POPs Protocol

1) List PFOS (as defined by TF on POP Perfluorooctane sulfonates C₈F₁₇SO₂X, X=OH, metal salt, halide, amide or other derivatives including polymers) in Annex I, and specify the following condition:

- Stockpiles of firefighting foam containing more than 0,005 % PFOS by weight to be identified, collected and destroyed

2) Include c-pentaBDE in Annex I by listing the PBDE-congeners pentaBDE, tetraBDE and hexaBDE individually in the annex, and specify the following condition:

- Parties must take appropriate measures to ensure that recycling processes of articles manufactured or in use by the implementation date, do not result in recovered material containing 0,1% or more of any of these PBDE-congeners by weight

3) Include c-octaBDE in Annex I by listing the PBDE-congeners hexaBDE and heptaBDE individually in the annex, and specify the following condition:

- Parties must take appropriate measures to ensure that recycling processes of articles manufactured or in use by the implementation date, do not result in recovered material containing 0,1% or more of any of these PBDE-congeners by weight

4) Regarding the conditions for specific uses of PCB described in Annex II, Norway proposes to move them to Annex I and to amend the conditions as follows:

4.1) After paragraph a), add a new chapeau and a new paragraph b) that reads:

Parties shall endeavour to

b) identify and remove from use equipment (e.g. transformers, capacitors or other receptacles containing liquid stocks) containing greater than 0,005 percent PCBs and volumes greater than 0,05 dm³, as soon as possible, but no later than 31 December 2025;

4.2) Add the following chapeau and amend current paragraph b) into the following paragraph c):

Parties shall make determined efforts designed to lead to;

c) The destruction or decontamination in an environmentally sound manner of
- all liquid PCBs referred to in subparagraph a) and other liquid PCBs containing more than 0,005 % PCBs not in equipment, as soon as possible but no later than 31 December 2015, or 31 December 2020 for countries with economies in transition;
- all liquid PCBs referred to in subparagraph b) no later than 31 December 2025

4.3) Following under the same chapeau, amend current paragraph c) into the following paragraph d):

d) The decontamination or disposal of equipment referred in subparagraph a) and b) in an environmentally sound manner;

4.4) Add a new chapeau and new paragraphs e), f) and g) that reads:

Parties shall;

- e) Ensure that equipment containing polychlorinated biphenyls, as described in subparagraph a) and b), shall not be exported or imported except for the purpose of environmentally sound waste management;
- f) Endeavour to identify other articles containing more than 0,005 per cent polychlorinated biphenyls (e.g. cable-sheaths, cured caulk and painted objects) and manage them in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 3;
- g) Promote the following measures to reduce exposures and risk to control the use of polychlorinated biphenyls:
 - i) Use only in intact and non-leaking equipment and only in areas where the risk from environmental release can be minimised and quickly remedied;
 - ii) Not use in equipment in areas associated with the production or processing of food or feed;
 - iii) When used in populated areas, including schools and hospitals, all reasonable measures to protect from electrical failure which could result in a fire, and regular inspection of equipment for leaks;