

Decision 2009/9

**Compliance by Denmark with its obligations under the
1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (ref. 1/06)**

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (Executive Body decision 2006/2),

1. *Recalls decisions 2006/8 and 2007/6;*
 2. *Notes* the report provided by the Implementation Committee on the follow-up to decision 2008/6 on Denmark's compliance with its obligation under article 3.5(a) of the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants, based on the information provided by Denmark on 23 March and 27 August 2009 (ECE/EB.AIR/2009/3, paras. 26–31), and in particular its conclusion that Denmark had failed to comply with the emission reduction obligation with regard to polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons;
 3. *Remains* concerned that, in spite of the efforts made, Denmark still fails to fulfil its obligation to reduce the emissions of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons listed in annex III of the Protocol from their level in 1990 by taking effective measures, as required by article 3.5(a) of the Protocol;
 4. *Expresses* disappointment that Denmark has once again indicated that it will not achieve compliance for many years;
 5. *Urges* Denmark once again to speed up the implementation and application of existing measures and to consider whether there are any further additional measures that could be taken in order to shorten the period of expected non-compliance with its obligation under the Protocol;
 6. *Requests* Denmark to provide the Implementation Committee, through the secretariat, by 31 March 2010, with a report describing the progress made towards compliance, inter alia:
 - (a) Setting out a revised timetable that also specifies the year by which Denmark expects to be in compliance;
 - (b) Listing specific measures referred to in paragraph 5 to fulfil its emission reduction obligations under the Protocol;
 - (c) Indicating the quantitative and projected effects of each of these measures on its polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons emissions up to and including the year of predicted compliance;
 - (d) Providing information on any more effective reduction scheme under consideration and the application of best available techniques to reduce polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons emissions from residential combustion, taking into consideration annex V to the Protocol.
 7. *Requests* the Implementation Committee to review the progress and timetable of Denmark, and to report to the Executive Body thereon at its twenty-eighth session.
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