

**Decision 2013/9**  
**Concerning compliance by Iceland with the Protocol on**  
**Persistent Organic Pollutants (ref. 6/10 (PAH))**

*The Executive Body,*

*Acting* under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee and the procedures for review (ECE/EB.AIR/113/Add.1, decision 2012/25, annex),

1. *Recalls* its decisions 2011/7 and 2012/18;
  2. *Notes* the sixteenth report of the Implementation Committee concerning compliance by Iceland with its obligation under article 3, paragraph 5 (a), of the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Protocol on POPs) (ECE/EB.AIR/2013/4, paras. 23–26);
  3. *Decides* that Iceland has met the requirements of article 3, paragraph 7, of the Protocol on POPs for the reporting year 2011 and therefore shall be exempted from its obligation to reduce emissions of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) from the level of the emission in the reference year;
  4. *Requests* Iceland to submit a report to the Implementation Committee every three years, with the first report falling due in 2016, and at any time there are significant changes in the relevant industries or improvements to the inventory, in order to demonstrate that it continues to meet the conditions for the exemption, as set out in article 3, paragraph 7, of the Protocol;
  5. *Further decides* that the exemption will no longer apply if Iceland fails to:
    - (a) Report in accordance with paragraph 3 above; or
    - (b) Fulfil its reporting obligations under the Protocol on POPs;
  6. *Requests* the Implementation Committee to review each report received from Iceland in accordance with paragraph 3 above and consider whether Iceland continues to meet the conditions for the exemption on an annual basis.
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