

**Decision 2014/7**  
**Compliance by Latvia with the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (ref. 3/10 (HCB); ref. 11/10 (diox./furan))**

*The Executive Body,*

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

1. *Recalls* its decisions 2011/6 and 2012/17;
  2. *Notes* the information and recommendations contained in the seventeenth report of the Implementation Committee on the follow-up to decision 2012/17 on Latvia's compliance with its obligations under article 3, paragraph 5 (a), of the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Protocol on POPs) (ECE/EB.AIR/2014/2, paras. 18–25);
  3. *Notes with concern* Latvia's continuing failure to fulfil its obligation to reduce emissions of hexachlorobenzene (HCB) and dioxins/furan listed in annex III of the Protocol from their levels in 1990;
  4. *Notes with regret* that Latvia did not provide the information requested by the Implementation Committee in its sixteenth report (ECE/EB.AIR/2013/4, para. 22);
  5. *Urges* Latvia to fulfil its obligations under the Protocol on POPs as soon as possible;
  6. *Reiterates* its request to Latvia to provide the Implementation Committee, through the secretariat, by 31 March 2015, with further information on the status of its work to update the national emission factors for persistent organic pollutants (POPs);
  7. *Decides* to invite Latvia to participate in the Committee's session in 2015 to elaborate on the information provided pursuant to paragraph 6 above;
  8. *Requests* the Implementation Committee to continue to review the progress of Latvia towards compliance with its obligations under the Protocol on POPs, and to report to the Executive Body thereon at its thirty-fifth session in 2016.
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