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Chemical Review Committee

Sixteenth meeting

Rome (online), 8–11 September 2020

Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: organization of work

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

1. The sixteenth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee will be held from 8 to 11 September 2020. Owing to the current coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, it is not possible for participants to meet face to face in Rome as originally planned. The meeting will therefore, as an exceptional measure, be conducted online. The meeting will be opened by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. Noluzuko Gwayi (South Africa), at 1 p.m. (UTC+2) on Tuesday, 8 September 2020.
2. Opening and welcoming statements will be delivered.

Item 2

Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

3. The Committee may wish to adopt its agenda, with any amendments, on the basis of the provisional agenda (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.16/1).

(b) Organization of work

4. The Committee has before it a scenario note for the meeting prepared by the Chair (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.16/INF/1) and a tentative schedule for the meeting prepared by the Secretariat (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.16/INF/2).
5. The Committee may wish to meet in online sessions from Tuesday, 8 September to Friday, 11 September 2020 from 1 to 4 p.m. (UTC+2), subject to adjustments as necessary. In addition, input by email may be invited within time limits to be specified by the Chair if it becomes clear that participants are experiencing connectivity problems during the online meeting.
6. The Committee may wish to establish contact groups and drafting groups as necessary, and to specify their mandates.

* UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.16/1.

Item 3

Rotation of the membership

7. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on the rotation of the membership and experts nominated as members of the Chemical Review Committee (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.16/INF/3). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided.

Item 4

Technical work

(a) Consideration of the draft decision guidance document for decabromodiphenyl ether

8. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing a draft decision guidance document for decabromodiphenyl ether, available in the six official languages of the United Nations (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.16/3). A compilation of comments from the Committee members and observers and responses relating to the draft decision guidance document is set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.16/INF/6. The Committee may wish to finalize the draft decision guidance document and to forward it, together with its recommendation to list decabromodiphenyl ether in Annex III to the Convention as an industrial chemical, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting.

(b) Report of the Bureau on the preliminary review of a notification of final regulatory action

9. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat setting out the report of the Bureau on the preliminary review of a notification of final regulatory action (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.16/2). In addition, information on trade in the chemicals under consideration by the Chemical Review Committee is available in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.16/INF/4. A summary record of notifications of final regulatory action for chemicals reviewed by the Interim Chemical Review Committee or the Chemical Review Committee and of notifications scheduled for review by the Chemical Review Committee is available in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.16/INF/5. The Committee may wish to proceed with the review of the notification of the final regulatory action and the supporting documentation.

(c) Review of a notification of final regulatory action for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds

10. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing a new notification of final regulatory action related to perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds in the industrial category, submitted by Norway (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.16/4). The supporting documentation provided by Norway is set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.16/INF/9. The new notification replaced the previous notification submitted by Norway on the chemicals, which was reviewed by the Committee at its fourteenth meeting together with the notification submitted by Canada on the chemicals. The notifications from Norway and Canada, as reviewed by the Committee at its fourteenth meeting, are set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.16/INF/7. Decision CRC-14/5, setting out the recommendation by the Committee to the Conference of the Parties to list those chemicals in Annex III to the Convention, including the rationale for its conclusion adopted at its fourteenth meeting, as well as decision CRC-15/4 and the draft decision guidance document adopted therein, are set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.16/INF/8.

11. The Committee may wish to review the information provided in those documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.16/4.

Item 5

Venue and date of the seventeenth meeting of the Committee

12. The Committee may wish to consider and reach agreement on the venue and date of its seventeenth meeting.

Item 6

Other matters

13. The Committee may wish to consider other matters raised by its members during the meeting.

Item 7

Adoption of the report

14. The Committee will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report of the meeting prepared by the rapporteur.

Item 8

Closure of the meeting

15. It is expected that the Chair will close the meeting by 4 p.m. (UTC+2) on Friday, 11 September 2020.
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