

Decision 2011/13

Reporting of persistent organic pollutants emissions

The Executive Body,

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

1. *Notes* the findings of the Implementation Committee regarding its review of the reporting under the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Protocol on POPs), and in particular the apparent overall lack of adequate guidance and priority on persistent organic pollutant (POP) reporting;

2. *Requests* the secretariat to write a letter to all Parties to the Protocol on POPs informing them about the considerations of the Implementation Committee regarding its review of the reporting under the Protocol, and reminding them of the invitation in paragraph 3 below;

3. *Invites* all Parties to the Protocol on POPs to:

(a) Raise the priority on POP reporting;

(b) Improve and complete the emission inventories of POPs, where needed; and

(c) Provide detailed information on their national methods for estimating POP emissions or plans to revise these methods to the Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections of the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP) Steering Body;

4. *Instructs* EMEP to raise the priority of POP reporting and in particular:

(a) To start an in-depth review of reported POP emissions by Parties to the Protocol on POPs with, inter alia, attention to:

(i) The completeness of the POP emission inventories;

(ii) The reliability of current national methods (including accuracy of emission factors) used to estimate POP emissions;

(iii) The different use of notation keys among Parties;

(iv) The consistency of reported POP emission estimates with the reporting guidelines, the *EMEP/EEA¹ Air Pollutant Emission Inventory Guidebook* and among Parties;

(b) To elaborate a programme to initiate the update of the *EMEP/EEA Guidebook* with further and more adequate guidance on POPs, in particular for residential combustion;

(c) To provide a progress report and timetable to the next annual session of the Executive Body concerning the requests in (a) and (b) of this paragraph;

(d) To consider organizing a workshop on improving emission estimation from key sources of POP emissions (hexachlorobenzene, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon, dioxins), with a special focus on the residential combustion sector and engaging participants from other relevant expert groups and task forces under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution;

¹ EEA is the European Environment Agency.

5. *Reiterates* its instruction to EMEP to provide assistance to the Implementation Committee upon its request;

6. *Requests* the Implementation Committee to continue to review the issue in the light of the information provided, and to report to it thereon at its thirty-first session in 2012.