

Decision 2011/6
Compliance by Estonia, Germany, Italy and Latvia with their
obligations under the Protocol on Persistent Organic
Pollutants (refs. 2/10, 10/10 and 11/10)

The Executive Body,

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

1. *Recalls* decision 2010/10;
2. *Notes* the report provided by the Implementation Committee on the follow-up to decision 2010/10 concerning the compliance of Estonia, Germany, Italy and Latvia with the requirements of article 3, paragraph 5 (a), of the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Protocol on POPs) (ECE/EB.AIR/2011/2, paras 34–56), following the referrals by the secretariat pursuant to paragraph 5 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee, and in particular the Committee's finding that, on the basis of the officially reported emission data, Estonia, Germany, Italy and Latvia appear to be in non-compliance with their obligations under article 3, paragraph 5 (a), of the Protocol on POPs;
3. *Notes with regret* that Latvia did not provide any of the information as requested in Decision 2010/10 and requests the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe to bring this matter to the attention of the Minister of Environment of Latvia;
4. *Reiterates its concern* at the uncertainty regarding emissions factors appropriate for reporting of emissions of POPs, especially, but not exclusively, in the sector of residential combustion;
5. *Requests* 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), in accordance with paragraph 3 (c) of decision 2006/2, to review the emissions data provided by Estonia, Germany, Italy and Latvia in order to ensure the quality and accuracy of that data;
6. *Welcomes and encourages* the plans of Estonia, Germany and Italy to review and improve their emission inventories for POPs, and urges Latvia to speed up the review and revision of its emission inventories for POPs;
7. *Urges* Estonia, Germany, Italy and Latvia to consider the implementation of additional measures where needed;
8. *Requests* Estonia, Germany, Italy and Latvia to provide to the Implementation Committee, through the secretariat, by 31 August 2012, information concerning the status and details of their work to improve their emission inventories for the POPs in question and any recalculated emissions data;
9. *Calls on* Estonia, Germany, Italy and Latvia to make presentations to the next annual session of the Executive Body specifically concerning the information requested in paragraph 8 above;
10. *Requests* the Implementation Committee to continue to review these cases in light of the information provided in accordance with this decision and in light of the information obtained in response to decision 2011/13 and to report to it thereon at its thirty-first session in 2012.