

## **Decision 2013/12 Concerning compliance by the Netherlands with the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (ref. 16/13 (HCB))**

*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. *Notes* the sixteenth report of the Implementation Committee concerning the compliance of the Netherlands with the requirements of article 3, paragraph 5 (a), of the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Protocol on POPs) (ECE/EB.AIR/2013/4, paras. 44–50), following referral by the secretariat pursuant to paragraph 5 of the Implementation Committee's structure and functions and procedures for review, and in particular the Committee's conclusion regarding the failure of the Netherlands to demonstrate that it should benefit from the exemption under article 3, paragraph 7, of the Protocol granted by virtue of its decision 2006/9, and its failure to fulfil its obligations under article 3, paragraph 5 (a), as demonstrated by the emission data up until 2011;

2. *Requests* the Netherlands to report to the Implementation Committee, through the secretariat, by 31 March 2014, on the following activities:

(a) Where relevant, the establishment of emission estimates on sectors other than waste incineration, in particular for all source categories for which methodologies and default emission factors are available in the EEA/EMEP air pollutant emission inventory guidebook;

(b) The Netherlands' application of best available techniques for those sectors, including the ones described in annex V of the Protocol on POPs;

3. *Requests* the Implementation Committee to review the progress and timetable of the Netherlands, and to report to it thereon at its thirty-third session in 2014.

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