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#### NOTE

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
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Subject:	Draft COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants as regards the proposal for amendment of Annex A - Presidency compromise text

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With a view to the informal videoconference of the Working Party on the Environment (WPE) on 16 February 2022, delegations will find in the Annex a compromise text prepared by the Presidency.

The draft takes account of discussions held at the informal videoconference of the Working Party on International Environment Issues (International Chemicals/Synergies) on 13 January 2022.

Changes to the Commission's proposal (7805/21) are set out in **bold** and [...] for deletions.

**Draft**

**COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2022/...**

**of ...**

**on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants as regards the proposal for amendment of Annex A**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 192(1) in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- 1) The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants ('the Convention') entered into force on 17 May 2004 and was concluded on behalf of the Union by Council Decision 2006/507/EC<sup>1</sup>.
- 2) Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>2</sup> implements the [...] Convention in the Union.

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<sup>1</sup> Council Decision (2006/507/EC) of 14 October 2004 concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (OJ L 209, 31.7.2006, p. 1).

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on persistent organic pollutants (OJ L 169, 25.6.2019, p. 45).

- 3) Pursuant to Article 8 of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties shall decide whether to list a chemical, and specify its related control measures, in Annexes A, B and/or C.
- 4) The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the [...] Convention is expected to adopt a decision to list further chemicals in Annex A.
- 5) In order to protect human health and the environment from further releases of perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds, it is necessary to reduce or eliminate the production and use of those chemicals at global level and support their listing in the Convention.
- 6) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf [...] **at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties as regards amendments to Annex A to the Convention**, as [...] **those amendments** will be binding on the Union.

[...] (moved up as recital 5)

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The position to be taken on behalf of the Union at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the [...] Convention shall be, in accordance with the relevant recommendations of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee, to support the listing of perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds in Annex A to the Convention without specific exemptions.

*Article 2*

Refinement of [...] **the position referred to in Article 1**, in light of the developments at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the [...] Convention, may be agreed by representatives of the Union, in consultation with the Member States, [...] **during on-the-spot coordination meetings** without a further decision of the Council.

*Article 3*

This Decision [...] **shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.**

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council*

*The President*

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