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Dear Consultee

## Consultation on potential amendments to the Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Regulation

I am writing to invite views on a number of government proposals and policy options to amend the Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Regulation in upcoming and/or future legislation. Some of these changes are related to recent additions or amendments to the Stockholm Convention which the UK, as Party to the Convention, must implement at a national level. Other potential amendments are being proposed following recent reviews of the POPs Regulation, and/or in response to scientific or technical progress, and/or to generate evidence to inform future policy positions and potential responses to upcoming and future amendments to the Stockholm Convention.

This consultation will run for 8 weeks. We feel this amount of time is appropriate and proportionate, given the consultation and the potential changes outlined in it are technical in nature and relate to a small number of stakeholders. The proposed changes, if implemented, would be made using statutory powers which do not specify consultation as a requirement, but we feel use of an 8 week consultation period will provide a suitable opportunity for UK stakeholders to engage, respond to the proposals, and provide further information and evidence where relevant.

The following documents may be found on [Citizen Space](#), alongside the consultation:

- The consultation document;
- An annex containing evidence relating to proposed changes to the POPs waste concentration limits;
- The privacy notice for this consultation.

We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation, please contact the Defra POPs team at [pops@defra.gov.uk](mailto:pops@defra.gov.uk).

## **Responses**

To submit your consultation response please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space (Citizen Space is an online consultation tool).

If you require a copy of the consultation, please contact us at [insert team email address].

Responses or additional information or documents can be sent to:

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Regulation

Consultation Coordinator

Second floor Foss House

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Responses should be received by 27 April 2023.

## **Confidentiality and data protection**

Please find the Consultations Privacy Notice uploaded alongside this consultation.

This consultation document and consultation process have been planned to adhere to the Consultation Principles issued by the Cabinet Office. Representative groups are asked to give a summary of the people and organisations they represent and where relevant who else they have consulted in reaching their conclusions when they respond.

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal data, may be published or disclosed in accordance with the access to information regimes these are primarily the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs), the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA).

We have obligations, mainly under the EIRs, FOIA and DPA, to disclose information to particular recipients or to the public in certain circumstances.

If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, as a public authority, the Department is bound by the Freedom of Information Act and may therefore be obliged to disclose all or some of the information you provide.

In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential.

If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in

all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Department.

This consultation is being conducted in line with the Cabinet Office “Consultation Principles” and be found at:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultationprinciplesguidance](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultationprinciplesguidance).

If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to:

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Or email: [consultation.coordinator@defra.gov.uk](mailto:consultation.coordinator@defra.gov.uk)

Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries, please contact us as above.

Yours Faithfully

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