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Dear Consultee

UK Call for Comments on the POPRC Evaluation Documents 2023

I am writing to invite comments on three documents currently being reviewed by the POPs Review Committee (POPRC) of the Stockholm Convention, ahead of its meeting in October 2023. The documents are the Risk Management Evaluations (RMEs) of two substances: MCCPs (proposed by the UK) and a PFAS substance called LC-PFCAs; and the Risk Profile of a substance called chlorpyrifos.

The POPRC meets every year, the next meeting is early October 2023. Between meetings there is a period of information gathering and rounds of commenting on the draft documents. Previously, in October 2022 we requested information to aid the drafting of the documents evaluated by the POPRC. This call for comments invites the public to provide comments on the second drafts of these documents.

Responses to this call for comments will be used to inform the UK's submission to the secretariat of the Stockholm Convention. Submissions to the Convention are published on the Convention's website. Additionally, responses to this call for comments will be published on government websites at <http://www.gov.uk/> www.gov.uk.

The following documents may be found on Citizen Space:

- The call for comments document and a link to an online version
- An annex containing the three documents for comment, namely: Risk Management Evaluations for MCCPs and LC-PFCAs; and a Risk Profile for chlorpyrifos.

We welcome your comments on the draft documents. If you wish to obtain a copy of this call for comments, please contact the Defra POPs team at pops@defra.gov.uk.

Responses

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

If you require a copy of the call for comments, please contact us at POPs@defra.gov.uk. Responses or additional information or documents can be sent to:

UK Call for Comments on the POPRC Evaluation Documents 2023
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Any responses must be received by 22 May 2023.

Confidentiality and data protection

Please find the Consultations Privacy Notice uploaded alongside this call for comments.

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” which can be found at:

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

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

Yours Faithfully

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