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Dear Consultee,

Consultation on potential amendments to the Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Regulation 2026

I am writing to invite views on a number of government proposals and policy options to amend the assimilated Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Regulation in 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 in response to scientific or technical progress, or to generate evidence to inform future policy positions and proposals.

This consultation will run for 8 weeks. While this is shorter than a standard 12-week consultation, we feel this amount of time is appropriate and proportionate. This is primarily because the consultation and the potential changes outlined in it are technical in nature and relate to a relatively small number of stakeholders. Additionally, if any of these proposals are adopted, the statutory powers which would be used do not require a consultation. For these reasons the 8-week consultation period represents an appropriate opportunity to respond to the proposals.

A link can be found on GOV.UK which will take you to the online consultation on the Defra Citizen Space platform where there is an accompanying draft statutory instrument, a glossary of terms, a consultation document, and a data privacy notice.

We really welcome your views and comments on the proposals.

Responses

To submit your consultation response please complete, if possible, the consultation questionnaire provided through Defra Citizen Space, an online consultation tool.

If you require a copy of the consultation, please contact us at consultation.coordinator@defra.gov.uk
Responses must be received by 13 May 2026.

Using and sharing your information

How we use your personal data is set out in the consultation and call for evidence exercise privacy notice which can be found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/defras-consultations-and-call-for-evidence-exercises-privacy-notice>

Other Information

This consultation is being conducted in line with the Cabinet Office “Consultation Principles” and be found at: [Microsoft Word - Consultation Principles \(1\).docx \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

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 legislation. We respect your personal privacy when responding to access to information requests. We only share information when necessary to meet the statutory requirements of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please email: consultation.coordinator@defra.gov.uk

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

Yours Faithfully,

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