

OECD/UNEP Webinar on the 2009 OECD PFC Survey Methodology

31 January 2012

Information note

Objective: To explain the methodology that was used in the 2009 OECD survey of the production, use and release of PFOS, PFAS, PFOA, PFCA, their related substances and products/mixtures containing these substances, to producers and regulators in the Asia-Pacific region

Webinar starting time:

31 January 2012 – 5am Washington DC, 11am Paris, 3:30pm New Delhi, 6pm Beijing and 9pm Sydney time

Agenda:

- Opening and introduction (Peter Börkey, OECD) – 5 minutes
- Presentations
 - Presentation of survey methodology and experience of survey lead country (Dr Sneha Satya, National Industrial Chemicals Notification & Assessment Scheme (NICNAS), Australia) - 15 minutes
 - Industry's experience with using the survey methodology (Dr. Stephen Korzeniowski, FluoroCouncil) – 15 min
- Discussion – 30 min

Issues for the discussion:

- Are there any concerns that would prevent you from participating in the survey?
- Are there any issues with confidential business information, or other aspects of the survey methodology that you think would need to be re-considered?
- What type of support from the OECD/UNEP Global PFC Group would companies need to participate in the survey?

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Background

Resolution II/5 of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM2) for the management of perfluorinated chemicals (PFCs) and transition to safer alternatives invites governments, international organizations, and other stakeholders to consider the development, facilitation and promotion in an open, transparent and inclusive manner of national and international stewardship programmes and regulatory approaches to reduce emissions and the content of relevant perfluorinated chemicals of concern in products and to work toward global elimination, where appropriate and technically feasible.

The efforts identified by ICCM2 include: information-gathering activities and information exchange on alternatives; progress in and examples of regulatory actions and voluntary programmes; monitoring; emissions; exposure; environmental fate and transport; and potential effects of perfluorinated chemicals and alternatives on human health and the environment.

OECD and UNEP are jointly supporting work on PFCs under ICCM2 resolution II/5 and have established a Global PFC Group that brings together experts from Governments, the private sector and NGOs.

One of the key activities that is envisioned for this Group is the development and implementation of a survey of the production, use and release of PFCs, building on a similar exercise that was carried-out in 2009 ([see http://www.oecd.org/officialdocuments/displaydocumentpdf/?cote=env/jm/mono\(2011\)1&doclanguage=en](http://www.oecd.org/officialdocuments/displaydocumentpdf/?cote=env/jm/mono(2011)1&doclanguage=en)). The 2009 survey collected information directly from PFC producers, but did only cover OECD companies. Yet, an increasing share of PFCs is being produced outside of the OECD area.

This webinar is meant to explain the survey methodology that was used in 2009 to PFC producers in the Asia-Pacific region (the methodology is described in the 2009 survey, see link in previous paragraph) and to solicit feedback on its applicability in this region. Ultimately, the objective is to gather support from non-OECD producers for this exercise and to develop and implement a new survey in the course of 2012/13.

The webinar will feature speakers from Australia's National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme who led the previous survey (and may also lead the next), as well as representatives of OECD producers who participated in the 2009 survey and who will report about their experience with the exercise. These presentations will be followed by a discussion, where participants are invited to provide comments on the survey methodology with the ultimate aim of identifying possible adaptations that would need to be made to the survey methodology for its application in the Asia-Pacific region.

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Logistical information

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