

OECD/UNEP Global PFC Group Webinar

Overview of PFCs Landscape – Key issues and insights

20 November 2013

Information note

Objective: This webinar will tell you everything that you ever wanted to know about PFCs. The event will provide an overview of key issues in relation to long chain perfluorinated chemicals (PFCs) based on a recent OECD/UNEP synthesis (www.oecd.org/ehs/pfc) as well as an opportunity to pose questions to key experts.

Agenda:

- Introduction – Peter Börkey (OECD) and Kaj Madsen (UNEP) - 5 minutes
- Major Uses – Richard Holt (FluoroCouncil), 5-7 minutes
- Scientific evidence – Annegret Biegel-Engler (German Federal Environment Agency) - 5-7 minutes
- Alternatives to long-chain PFCs – Richard Holt (FluoroCouncil) - 5-7 minutes
- Regulatory approaches across the globe – Fannie Lalonde (Environment Canada) - 5-7 minutes
- Questions and answers (25 minutes)

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Background

By its resolutions II/5 and III/3, the International Conference on Chemicals Management invited OECD, UNEP and the other Participating Organisations of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC), as part of their mandate and work programme, together with governments 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 (PFCs) of concern in products and to work towards global elimination, where appropriate and technically feasible.

Please visit the OECD PFC Web Portal at www.oecd.org/ehs/pfc.

To enhance and further the implementation of resolutions II/5 and III/3, and to help facilitate the participation of all interested governments, NGOs and other stakeholders, especially those that are not from OECD member countries, OECD and UNEP set-up a Global PFC Group.

In order to support these efforts, the OECD/UNEP Global PFC Group is holding a series of webinars. This webinar is the first in a series and will provide a broad overview of insights and information that are available on long-chain PFCs. This webinar will be followed by three additional webinars that will allow to go into more detail on the topics of i) uses and scientific evidence, ii) alternatives to long-chain PFCs and iii) regulatory approaches that are being implemented in several countries.



The Global PFC Group recently released a publication that provides a synthetic overview of the key insights and issues surrounding perfluorinated chemicals and the series of webinars will draw on this document, which can be downloaded [here](http://www.oecd.org/ehs/pfc) (www.oecd.org/ehs/pfc).

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