

OECD/UNEP Global PFC Group Webinar

Major uses of PFCs and scientific evidence

29 January 2014

Information note

Objective: Following-up on a previous webinar that provided an overview of a range of issues related to perfluorinated chemicals (PFC), this webinar will provide more in-depth information about major uses of PFCs and the scientific evidence that is available about this chemistry. Presentations will be based on a recent OECD/UNEP synthesis (www.oecd.org/ehs/pfc) and there will be an opportunity to pose questions to key experts.

Agenda:

- Introduction – Peter Börkey (OECD) and Kaj Madsen (UNEP) - 5 minutes
- Major Uses – Jessica Steinhilber (FluoroCouncil), 20 minutes
- Scientific evidence – Annegret Biegel-Engler (German Federal Environment Agency) - 20 minutes
- Scientific evidence – Martin Scheringer (ETH Zürich) – 20 minutes
- Questions and answers (25 minutes)

Webinar starting time:

29 January 2014 – 7am Washington DC, 1pm Paris, 8pm Beijing and 9pm Tokyo time

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 second in a series and will provide insights and information that are available on uses of and scientific evidence relating to long-chain PFCs. This webinar will be followed by two additional webinars that will allow to go into more detail on two other topics: i) alternatives to long-chain PFCs and ii) 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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