

### DECISION

#### CHANGES TO ANNUAL DECLARATIONS

##### The Conference

**Recalling** that the Commission, in its PC-VII/8, paragraph 6.6, adopted an understanding on changes to annual in relation to industrial declarations,

**Bearing in mind** that the Commission recommended in paragraph 50.4 of its Final Report that the Conference adopt the above mentioned understanding,

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1. **Adopts** the understanding on changes to annual declarations.

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1. It is understood that any change to those parts of the annual declaration that would not normally be expected to change from year to year, such as the name, address and location, should be communicated to the Technical Secretariat on the next occasion upon which a declaration is due.
2. It is also understood that, even where there is no change to the substance of a declaration compared to a previous one, the information required under that later declaration shall be provided in full.
3. In regard to the declaration of additional activities required in accordance with paragraphs 4 (c) of Parts VII and VIII, the following was understood in regard to which changes need to be declared:
  - (a) any change during the year that involves:
    - (i) an additional Schedule 2 plant or Schedule 3 plant;
    - (ii) an additional Schedule 2 chemical or Schedule 3 chemical;
    - (iii) an additional type of activity related to a Schedule 2 chemical (production, processing, consumption, direct export, or sale or transfer);
    - (iv) any other non-quantitative change in relation to the anticipatory declarations, except for those to which paragraph 9 of PC-V/B/WP.15 applies;
  - (b) any quantitative upward change that changes the status of a plant (crossing of the declaration or verification threshold);
  - (c) any Schedule 3 plant which increases production above the range given in the anticipatory declaration;
  - (d) any additional time period when a declarable activity in relation to a Schedule 2 chemical takes place;
  - (e) any increase in the declared anticipated annual production/processing/consumption figure for a Schedule 2 chemical.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> as contained in paragraph 3.4 of PC-VII/B/WP.7.

<sup>2</sup> It is likely that plant sites, and hence States Parties, may show a tendency to include a certain margin in their anticipatory declaration.

4. In regard to subparagraph 3 (d) above, it was understood that the declaration of time periods when declared activities are anticipated to occur should be as precise as possible, but should in any case be accurate to within a 3 month period. The declaration requirement in relation to these time periods does not necessarily mean that individual planned production (processing, consumption) campaigns need to be declared. Such an understanding, it was considered, might provide a flexible framework for industrial declarations and might reduce the frequency of declarations of additional activities in regard to time periods of production, and the processing or consumption of Schedule 2 chemicals.
5. It was further agreed that it may also be useful if States Parties, on a voluntary basis, would inform the Technical Secretariat of cases when plants or plant sites which have been declared to undertake activities in relation to Schedule 2 or Schedule 3 chemicals cease to do so.

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