

Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (1979) on Persistent Organic Pollutants: Aarhus Protocol (1998)

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PURPOSE : to approve, on behalf of the Community, the 1998 Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POP). **LEGISLATIVE ACT :** Council Decision 2004/259/EC concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants. **CONTENT :** the Council adopted a Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants. The instrument of approval on behalf of the Community will be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in accordance with Article 16 of the Protocol. The Protocol aims at limiting discharges, emissions and losses of thirteen persistent organic pollutants that cause significant adverse effects on human health or the environment as a result of their long-range transboundary atmospheric transport. In addition, Parties have to take effective measures to reduce or stabilise total annual emissions of certain substances.