

Persistent organic pollutants

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The Commission presents a report on the review and update of the first European Community Implementation Plan in accordance with Article 8 (4) of Regulation No 850/2004 on persistent organic pollutants.

To recall, Regulation (EC) 850/2004 on persistent organic pollutants (the POPs Regulation) was adopted in April 2004, in order to implement the Stockholm Convention and the POPs Protocol under the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (the UNECE Protocol on POPs) within the European Union.

Pursuant to Article 8(4) of the POPs Regulation, the first European Community Implementation Plan (CIP) was developed in 2007. It identified existing measures at EU level related to POPs, assessed their efficiency and sufficiency in meeting the obligations of the Convention, identified needs for further Union level measures and established a plan for implementing further measures.

Further to Article 8(4) of the POPs Regulation, a **review and update of the CIP has now been considered appropriate** in light of a number of changes in the regulatory landscape:

- the inclusion of a number of new POPs into the Stockholm Convention and the UNECE Protocol on POPs;
- the technical and legislative progress made in the area;
- the findings of the [Commission Report](#) on the application of the POPs Regulation.

The reviewed and updated CIP will be referred to as the Union Implementation Plan (UIP) on POPs and a Commission Staff Working Document of this UIP is attached as an annex to this report.