

Reference: C.N.552.2020.TREATIES-XXVII.15 (Depositary Notification)

STOCKHOLM CONVENTION ON PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS
STOCKHOLM, 22 MAY 2001

ENTRY INTO FORCE OF AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A AND B ¹

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

In accordance with paragraphs 3 (b) and (c) and 4 of article 22 of the Convention, the above-mentioned Amendments to Annexes A and B entered into force on 3 December 2020 for all Parties to the Convention, except for those Parties which have made a declaration in accordance with paragraph 4 of article 25 of the Convention and except for Japan (for the amendments to Annex A adopted by decisions SC-9/11 and SC-9/12) which has submitted a notification of non-acceptance pursuant to paragraph 3 (b) of article 22 with regard to said amendments to Annex A².

Paragraphs 3 (b) and (c) and paragraph 4 of article 22 of the Convention read as follows:

“3. (b) Any Party that is unable to accept an additional annex shall so notify the depositary, in writing, within one year from the date of communication by the depositary of the adoption of the additional annex. The depositary shall without delay notify all Parties of any such notification received. A Party may at any time withdraw a previous notification of non-acceptance in respect of any additional annex, and the annex shall thereupon enter into force for that Party subject to subparagraph (c); and

(c) On the expiry of one year from the date of the communication by the depositary of the adoption of an additional annex, the annex shall enter into force for all Parties that have not submitted a notification in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (b).

4. The proposal, adoption and entry into force of amendments to Annex A, B or C shall be subject to the same procedures as for the proposal, adoption and entry into force of additional annexes to this Convention, except that an amendment to Annex A, B or C shall not enter into force with respect to any Party that has made a declaration with respect to amendment to those Annexes in accordance with paragraph 4 of Article 25, in which case any such amendment shall enter into force for such a Party on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit with the depositary of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with respect to such amendment.”

¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.588.2019.TREATIES-XXVII.15 of 3 December 2019 (Amendments to Annexes A and B).

² Refer to depositary notification C.N.529.2020.TREATIES-XXVII.15 of 12 November 2020, reissued on 13 November 2020 (Japan: Notification under article 22 (3) (b)).

Paragraph 4 of article 25 of the Convention reads as follows:

“4. In its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, any Party may declare that, with respect to it, any amendment to Annex A, B or C shall enter into force only upon the deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with respect thereto.”

10 December 2020

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