

Reference: C.N.628.2015.TREATIES-XXVII.15 (Depositary Notification)

STOCKHOLM CONVENTION ON PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS  
STOCKHOLM, 22 MAY 2001

SERBIA: COMMUNICATION RELATING TO THE NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 22<sup>1</sup>

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

The above action was effected on 16 November 2015.

(Original: English)

“On 20 July 2014, the Republic of Serbia notified the Secretary-General as depositary of the Stockholm Convention of the following: “The Republic of Serbia is currently unable to accept the listing of HBCDD in Annex A to the convention with specific exemptions for production and use in expanded polystyrene and extruded polystyrene in buildings according to Articles 21 and 22 of the Stockholm Convention. The Republic of Serbia will be able to accept SC-6/13 decision on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015.”

This position of the Republic of Serbia as EU candidate country for membership is in line with position of the European Union.

Since the submission of that notification to the depositary, the EU has been preparing the measures necessary to be able to comply with Decision SC-6/13. However, due to the timeline of internal administrative adoption processes, those measures implementing the requirements of the Decision will not be in place in the EU by 21 August 2015.

With that regard and pursuant to Article 22(3)(b) of the Stockholm Convention, the Republic of Serbia is informing the depositary, that it will not be in a position to accept the Decision on the listing of HBCDD in Annex A to the convention by 21 August 2015 and will need to extend the period of non-acceptance of the Decision for the Republic of Serbia until such time as the internal administrative processes in EU are finalised.

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to depositary notification C.N.518.2014.TREATIES-XXVII.15 of 13 August 2014 (Notification under article 22: Serbia).

The Republic of Serbia will, upon the adoption of the mentioned measures for implementation of the SC-6/13 decision, inform the depositary that the notification of non-acceptance is withdrawn. The notification will contain the date of acceptance of the amendment.”

20 November 2015

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