

Reference: C.N.105.2025.TREATIES-XXVII.15 (Depositary Notification)

STOCKHOLM CONVENTION ON PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS  
STOCKHOLM, 22 MAY 2001

JAPAN: WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATION OF NON-ACCEPTANCE  
OF AN AMENDMENT TO ANNEX A <sup>1</sup>

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

On 26 February 2025, the Government of Japan notified the Secretary-General, in accordance with paragraphs 3 (b) and 4 of article 22 of the Convention, of the withdrawal of its notification of non-acceptance of the amendment to Annex A regarding Decision SC-9/12 (Listing of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds) transmitted by depositary notification C.N.588.2019.TREATIES-XXVII.15 of 3 December 2019.

In accordance with paragraphs 3 (b) and 4 of article 22, the above-mentioned amendment to Annex A of the Convention entered into force for Japan on 26 February 2025, i.e., the date of withdrawal of its notification of non-acceptance. Paragraphs 3 (b) and 4 of article 22 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);

[...]

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...”

26 February 2025



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<sup>1</sup> Refer to depositary notification C.N.529.2020.TREATIES-XXVII.15 of 12 November 2020 (Japan: Notification under article 22 (3) (b)).