

**1. i) Amendments to the Text and to Annexes I, II, III, IV, VI and VIII to the  
1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants**

*Geneva, 18 December 2009*

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 20 January 2022, in accordance with article 14(3) of the Protocol which reads as follows: “Amendments to the present Protocol and to annexes I to IV, VI and VIII shall be adopted by consensus of the Parties present at a session of the Executive Body, and shall enter into force for the Parties which have accepted them on the ninetieth day after the date on which two thirds of the Parties have deposited with the Depository their instruments of acceptance thereof. Amendments shall enter into force for any other Party on the ninetieth day after the date on which that Party has deposited its instrument of acceptance thereof”.

**STATUS:** Parties: 23.

**TEXT:** C.N.555.2010.TREATIES-3 of 14 September 2010 (Amendments to the text and to Annexes I, II, III, IV, VI and VII to the Protocol)

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Acceptance(A)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Acceptance(A)</i>
Austria .....	6 Apr 2021 A	Lithuania.....	22 Jun 2017 A
Canada .....	23 Nov 2011 A	Luxembourg.....	17 Aug 2011 A
Croatia .....	6 Apr 2018 A	Netherlands <sup>1</sup> .....	15 Mar 2012 A
Cyprus.....	5 Mar 2013 A	Norway .....	26 Mar 2012 A
Czech Republic.....	22 Nov 2017 A	Romania.....	25 May 2012 A
Denmark .....	29 Apr 2016 A	Slovakia .....	25 May 2017 A
Estonia .....	15 Nov 2017 A	Slovenia .....	22 Oct 2021 A
European Union.....	24 Jun 2016 A	Spain .....	19 Mar 2018 A
Finland.....	20 Dec 2016 A	Sweden.....	16 Nov 2015 A
France .....	13 Sep 2021 A	Switzerland.....	30 Nov 2018 A
Germany .....	22 Sep 2017 A	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	12 Oct 2018 A
Ireland.....	9 Mar 2021 A		

***Declarations and Reservations  
(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations were made  
upon ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.)***

**CANADA**

“[The Government of Canada] declares that it does not intend to be bound by the procedures set out in article 14, paragraph 5 ter as regards the amendment of annexes I to IV, VI and VIII of that Protocol.”

**ESTONIA**

“... in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 5, subparagraph a of the Protocol, Estonia declares that the reference year for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) shall be 1996...”

**NORWAY**

“With reference to article 3 no 5 litra (a) and annex III, Norway hereby declares that the reference year for PCB should be 2005.”

**SWITZERLAND**

Switzerland, in line with article 16 paragraph 3 of the revised protocol, declares its intention to treat further amendments to the protocol according to the ordinary procedure for acceptance, as previously handled.

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> For the European part of the Netherlands

