

**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 Depositary 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”.

REGISTRATION: 20 January 2022, No. 21623.

STATUS: Parties: 26.

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	Ireland.....	9 Mar 2021 A
Belgium	12 Jun 2024 A	Latvia.....	28 Nov 2022 A
Canada	23 Nov 2011 A	Lithuania.....	22 Jun 2017 A
Croatia	6 Apr 2018 A	Luxembourg.....	17 Aug 2011 A
Cyprus.....	5 Mar 2013 A	Netherlands (Kingdom of the) ¹	15 Mar 2012 A
Czech Republic.....	22 Nov 2017 A	Norway	26 Mar 2012 A
Denmark	29 Apr 2016 A	Romania.....	25 May 2012 A
Estonia	15 Nov 2017 A	Slovakia	25 May 2017 A
European Union.....	24 Jun 2016 A	Slovenia	22 Oct 2021 A
Finland.....	20 Dec 2016 A	Spain	19 Mar 2018 A
France	13 Sep 2021 A	Sweden.....	16 Nov 2015 A
Germany	22 Sep 2017 A	Switzerland.....	30 Nov 2018 A
Hungary	28 Jul 2023 A	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	12 Oct 2018 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:

¹ For the European part of the Netherlands

