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Implementation of Stockholm Convention and national legislation harmonized with EU POPs Regulation in Serbia

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STATE OF PLAY

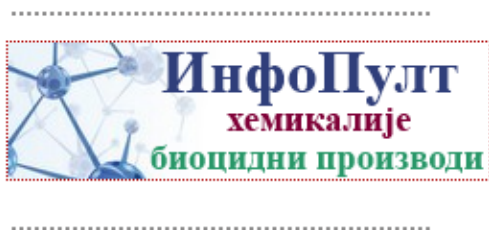
- Republic of Serbia has ratified the SC in 2009 by adoption of the Law on Ratification of the SC (*Official Gazette of RS - International Treaties 42/09*) by the Serbian Parliament.
- Grounds for implementation of the Stockholm Convention have been prepared on the basis of the NIP which was adopted by the Serbian Government in 2009;
- Present system of POPs chemicals and POPs waste management is almost fully harmonised to the EU legislation (recast POPs Regulation with latest amendments). POPs-*harmonised* legislation has been in force since 2010.
- All newly listed POPs are already banned or restricted in Serbia according to the national chemicals and waste management legislation in line with EU POPs legal system.
- Process of updating NIP was conducted in 2015, new updating of NIP will be conducted in 2024
- Republic of Serbia has submitted to the Secretariat of the SC Three National Reports





STATE OF PLAY

- Grounds for implementation of the Stockholm Convention have been prepared on the basis of the NIP in the period 2007-2009 through the Project “Enable Activities for the Development of the NIP for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)” which was realized by CA in cooperation with UNEP with the financial aid provided by GEF;
- Present system of POPs chemicals and POPs waste management is almost fully harmonised to the EC-system except provisions related to obligations of reporting and communicating between EU MS and the ECHA;
- Central staffs as well as industry got education, training and practical experience regarding chemical and waste sound management during several years within the international cooperation projects
- Established National POPs website





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STATE OF PLAY

- National POPs website was established in 2015



- [Environ. sound manag. and final disposal of PCBs Project website](#)





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STATE OF PLAY

- Representatives of the Republic of Serbia have participated in the Stockholm Convention COP meetings in 2009 (as an observer), 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2021/2022 as the party
- Representatives of the Republic of Serbia have participated in the POPRC meetings as party observer and as a member of the inter-sessional WGs of POPRC. Also, Representatives of the MEP has participated at the POPs CAs Meetings as observer since 2018.
- Representatives of the Republic of Serbia have been elected for the member of the SC DDT Expert Group, SC Effectiveness Evaluation Committee and members of SC Bureau on behalf of the CEE Region.
- Republic of Serbia has active regional cooperation:
 - exchange of experience on the NIP updating with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, North Macedonia, Moldova and Montenegro
 - exchange of experience on the PCB final disposal project with North Macedonia
 - BRSM Conv. Synergy project in synergy with North Macedonia,
 - UNIDO/GEF Green Chemistry Project (Indonesia, Jordan, Peru, Serbia, Uganda, Ukraine)



LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

- **Law on Ratification of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants** (Official Gazette of RS - International Treaties 42/09), *entered into force in 2009;*
- **Law on Ratification of the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants** (“Official Gazette of RS” - International Treaties 1/12), *entered into force in 2012*
- **Law on Chemicals** (“Official Gazette of the RS”, No 36/09, 88/10, 92/11, 93/12 and 25/15), *entered into force in 2009;*
Rulebook on Bans and Restrictions of Production, Placing on the Market and Use of Chemicals (“Official Gazette of the RS”, No 90/13, 25/15, 2/16, 44/17 and 36/18, 9/20 and 57/22);
- **Law on Waste Management** (“The Official Gazette of the RS”, No. 36/09, 88/10 and 14/16), *entered into force in 2009*
Rulebook on List of POPs, Manner and Procedure for POPs Waste Management and Maximum Permissible POPs Concentrations Related to Disposal of POPs Containing of Contaminated Waste (“Official Gazette of the RS” No. 65/11 and 17/17), *entered into force in 2011;*

and related sublegal acts adopted on the basis above mentioned laws



LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

- Harmonization -

Republic of Serbia has fully harmonized national legislation with **POPs Regulation (EC) No 850/2004** including following amendments: Commission Regulations (EU): No 756/2010, 757/2010, 519/2012, No 1342/2014, 2015/2030, 2016/293, 2016/460.

Republic of Serbia has further harmonized the national legislation with **consolidated version of recast POP Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2019/1021)** in 2022.



LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

National legislative act:	POPs Regulation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Law on Chemicals; Law on BP; Law on PPP <p>Rulebook on Bans and Restrictions of Production, Placing on the Market and Use of Chemicals – Art. 8 and 9; Annex II – List of POPs substances subject to bans and restrictions and other relevant sublegal acts</p>	<p>in Convention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annex I, Part A• Annex II, Part A
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Law on Ratification of the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants• Law on Air Protection• Law on Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control• Law on Waters <p>and related sublegal acts adopted on the basis above mentioned laws</p>	<p>in Protocol:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annex I, Parts A and B• Annex II, Parts A and B• Annex III
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Law on Waste Management• Rulebook on List of POPs, Manner and Procedure for POPs Waste Management and Maximum Permissible POPs Concentrations Related to Disposal of POPs Containing of Contaminated Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annex IV• Annex V



INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Competent Authorities Legislative and Enforcement	POPs Regulation
<p>CA: Ministry of Environmental Protection (MAEP)</p> <p>Legislative authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Department for Chemicals, MEP•Plan Protection Directorate, MAFWM <p>Enforcement authorities:</p> <p>1) Provisions of POPs in the field of chemicals and biocidal products</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Environmental Inspection•Sanitary Inspection•Market Inspection <p>2) Provisions of POPs in the field of plant protection products</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Phytosanitary inspection	<p>in Convention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Annex I, Part A•Annex II, Part A
<p>CA: Ministry of Environmental Protection (MAEP)</p> <p>Legislative authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Department for Integrated Permits, MAEP•Department for Air and Ozone Layer Protection, MAEP•Department for Water Protection <p>Enforcement authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Environmental Inspection	<p>in Protocol:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Annex I, Parts A and B•Annex II, Parts A and B•Annex III



INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

CA: Ministry of Environmental Protection (MAEP)

Legislative authorities:

- Department for Waste Management, MAEP

Enforcement authorities:

- Environmental Inspection

- Annex IV
- Annex V

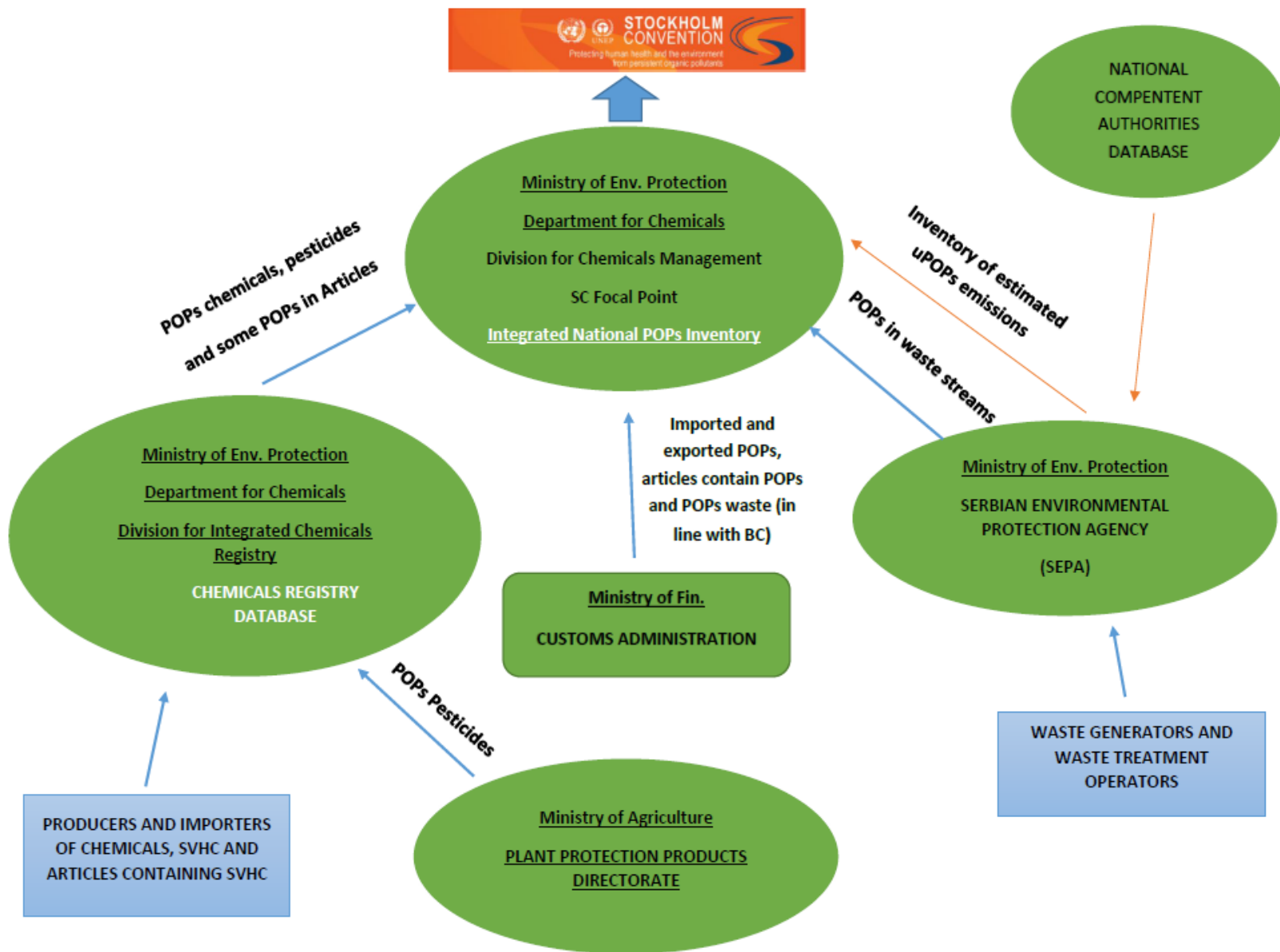
MONITORING AND REPORTING

regarding POPs

CA: Serbian Environmental Protection Agency within MAEP



SC National Reporting system in Serbia





COMPETENT AUTHORITY (CA) & ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITIES

Ministry in charge of Environmental Protection, Organizational Units for:

- Chemicals Management
- Waste Management

are foreseen to become the MS CAs under POPs Regulation;

CAs under POPs Regulation will be officially designated in POPs Implementing Act.

- MAEP, Organizational Unit for Chemicals

2 full time staff engaged on POPs harmonized tasks;

- MAEP, Organizational Unit for Waste Management

1 full time staff engaged on POPs harmonized tasks;



COMPETENT AUTHORITY (CA) & ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITIES

- Central staffs have acquired knowledge and practical experience on POPs *harmonized* obligations during several years built through cooperation projects (UNEP, Kemi, IPA, UNIDO, UNDP);
- Needs for further capacity building:
 - ❖ For technical assistance to improve the full implementation of the recast POPs Regulation (National Reporting from MS to ECHA, RAC and SEAC Procedures for candidate the chemical for listing as a new POPs)
 - ❖ For rise awareness of industry regarding obligations related to new POPs, especially for recycling industry (PBDEs) and producer of articles contains potential POPs



EXPERINCE IN IMPLEMENTATION

- Republic of Serbia has fully established legislative and institutional framework for POPs chemicals and POPs waste management on the basis of the NIP;
- The Stockholm Convention national implementation measures are defined in the NIP and mostly of these measures are realized through establishing national legal and institutional framework related to the POPs management;
- Measures to reduce emissions of POPs listed in the Protocol were developed within NIP and operationalized by Law on Air Protection, Law on water, Law on Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control and related sublegal acts adopted on the basis of these laws;
- For the substances listed in Annex III release inventories into air, water and land have already established and periodically updated by the Serbian Environmental Protection Agency according to the CLRTAP;



EXPERINCE IN IMPLEMENTATION contd.

- CA has organized trainings and seminars regarding POPs and implementation of the SC as well as new POPs. All relevant stakeholders have participated in this education.
- Representatives of the Republic of Serbia have participated in the Stockholm Convention COP meetings in 2009 (as an observer), 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021/2022 and 2023 as the Party;
- Republic of Serbia has submitted 3 the National Reports on POPs to Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention.
- Representatives of the Republic of Serbia have elected and participated at the SC subsidiary bodies such as DDT experts group, SC EEC and BAT/BEP WG as well as members of SC Bureau on behalf of CEE region (in 4 mandates).



SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Republic of Serbia has established legislative and institutional framework for POPs management;**
- **National POPs legislation is almost fully harmonized with the EU recast POPs Regulation;**
- **Central staff, enforcement authorities and industry will benefit from experience gained during pre-accession period;**
- **Implementing Act will establish and nominate:**
 - ❖ CA and its responsibilities, including duty to submission of reports and communicate with the European Commission;
 - ❖ Enforcement arrangements as well as list of offences and penalties for non-compliance.



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