



REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

P O P s
Regulation (EC) No. 850/2004

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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 European Commission. POPs-*harmonised* legislation has been in force since 2010;
- Draft updated NIP with action plans is finalized, and send to procedure of adoption by Serbian Government;
- Republic of Serbia has no data regarding production, import and use of pure POPs (including new POPs).
- Data regarding production, import and use of new POPs including the use in mixtures and products were subject to an inventory which MAEP in cooperation with UNIDO is finished.



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 and 93/12), *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 90/2013);
 - ❖ Provisions related to POPs chemicals entered into force:
 - 2010 for “old” POPs,
 - 2011 for “new” POPs.
- **Law on Waste Management** (“The Official Gazette of the RS”, No. 37/11), *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), *entered into force in 2011;*
- Other Laws and related sublegal acts adopted on the basis thereof in the field of Biocidal Products (BP), Plant Protection Products (PPP), Air and Water Protection and IPPC.



LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

- Overview of the harmonization -

Republic of Serbia has harmonized national legislation with **POPs Regulation (EC) No 850/2004** including following amendments:

- **Commission Regulation (EU) No 756/2010 amending Regulation (EC) No 850/2004**
- **Commission Regulation (EU) No 757/2010 amending Regulation (EC) No 850/2004.**
- **Commission Regulation (EU) No 519/2012 amending Regulation (EC) No 850/2004**

POPs-harmonised legislation in Serbia has been **in force since 2010**



LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

National legislative act:	POPs Regulation (EC) No. 850/2004
<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 ARRANGEMENT

Competent Authorities Legislative and Enforcement	POPs Regulation (EC) No. 850/2004
<p>CA: Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection (MAEP)</p> <p>Legislative authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Department for Chemicals, MAEP• Plan Protection Directorate, MAEP <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 <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 Agriculture and Environmental Protection (MAEP)</p> <p>Legislative authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Department for Integrated Permits, MAEP• Division for Air and Ozone Layer Protection, MAEP• Division 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 ARRANGEMENT

CA: **Ministry of Agriculture and 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



COMPETENT AUTHORITY (CA) & ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITIES

Ministry in charge of environmental protection, Organizational Units for:

- Waste Management
- Chemicals 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 Management
1 full time staff engaged on POPs harmonized tasks;
- MAEP, Organizational Unit for Waste Management
1 full time staff engaged on POPs harmonized tasks;
- Serbian Environmental Protection Agency
1 person with share responsibilities (30% full time is engaged)
- The need for further employment on POPs harmonized tasks were not identified;



COMPETENT AUTHORITY (CA) & ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITIES

- **Central staffs and inspectors have acquired knowledge and practical experience on POPs *harmonized* obligations during several years through cooperation projects (UNEP, Kemi, IPA, UNIDO);**
- **Relevant governmental stakeholders and industry got education, training and practical experience regarding chemical and waste sound management during several years within the international cooperation projects**



COMPETENT AUTHORITY (CA) & ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITIES

Needs for further capacity building:

- ❖ For technical assistance to improve the full implementation of the POPs Regulation
- ❖ For upgrade laboratory facility for monitoring of new POPs
- ❖ For rise awareness of industry regarding obligations related to new POPs, especially for recycling industry



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;
- Measures to reduce emissions are established regarding air, water and integrated pollution prevention and control
- Release-inventories regarding emissions into air, water and soil are established and periodically updated by the Serbian Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA);
- [National POPs website is established](#)



EXPERINCE IN IMPLEMENTATION

- **Draft updated NIP with action plans is finalized, and send to procedure of adoption by Serbian Government**
- **Governmental institutions, research sector, industrial associations, NGOs, women groups take part in the Steering Committee for the NIP updating**
- **Cooperation and coordination between relevant stakeholders is improved**
- **National report was presented to the Convention in 2010**



SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Republic of Serbia has established legislative and institutional framework for POPs management;**
- **National POPs legislation is almost fully harmonized with the POPs (EC) Regulation;**
- **Central staff, enforcement authorities and industry will benefit from experience gained during pre-accession period;**
- **Capacities will be further improved**
- **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.



Thank you for your attention

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