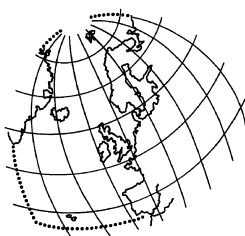


Review Statement for the OSPAR Background Document for Methoxychlor



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The Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (the “OSPAR Convention”) was opened for signature at the Ministerial Meeting of the former Oslo and Paris Commissions in Paris on 22 September 1992. The Convention entered into force on 25 March 1998. It has been ratified by Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom and approved by the European Community and Spain.

La Convention pour la protection du milieu marin de l'Atlantique du Nord-Est, dite Convention OSPAR, a été ouverte à la signature à la réunion ministérielle des anciennes Commissions d'Oslo et de Paris, à Paris le 22 septembre 1992. La Convention est entrée en vigueur le 25 mars 1998. La Convention a été ratifiée par l'Allemagne, la Belgique, le Danemark, la Finlande, la France, l'Irlande, l'Islande, le Luxembourg, la Norvège, les Pays-Bas, le Portugal, le Royaume-Uni de Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord, la Suède et la Suisse et approuvée par la Communauté européenne et l'Espagne.

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Introduction

OSPAR Background Documents are periodically reviewed and revised as necessary to take account of the latest information so that any additional risks to the marine environment can be highlighted, and additional measures and controls can be acknowledged.

In cases where a revision was not advised, a Review Statement supplementing the Background Document is prepared by the lead country, highlighting new developments since the adoption of the Background Document. The Review Statement will be updated, as appropriate, with information on progress on actions agreed in Background Documents.

The OSPAR Background Document on methoxychlor was first published in 2002 and updated in 2004 (monitoring strategy added) (OSPAR Publication number 147/2004). Following a review by the OSPAR Hazardous Substances Committee in 2008, this Review Statement, prepared by Finland who is the lead country for this chemical, was adopted.

Progress in implementing and completing agreed actions

Methoxychlor is not included in the Annex I of Directive 91/414/EEC (listed in Annex 1 to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2076/2002 of 20 November 2002).

Contracting Parties did not report about any activities to inform their human and veterinary medicine agencies about methoxychlor.

New information on the occurrence in the environment

In the OSPAR region methoxychlor appears to be a dead pesticide and no new information on its presence in the environment has become available.

Further work needed

Countries should inform their human and veterinary medicine agencies about the Background Document on methoxychlor.