OSPAR Recommendation 2021/08 amending OSPAR Recommendation 2010/03 on a Harmonised Offshore Chemical Notification Format (HOCNF) (as amended by OSPAR Recommendation 2014/17 and OSPAR Recommendation 2019/03)

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RECALLING Article 5 of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North East Atlantic ("OSPAR Convention") in which Contracting Parties agree to take jointly all possible steps to prevent and eliminate pollution from offshore sources;

RECALLING Article 4 of Annex III to the OSPAR Convention in which Contracting Parties agree that use on, or the discharge or emission from, offshore sources of substances which may reach and affect the maritime area shall be strictly subject to authorisation or regulation by the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties and that competent authorities shall provide for a system of monitoring and inspection;

RECALLING OSPAR Recommendation 2010/03 on a Harmonised Offshore Chemical Notification Format (HOCNF) (as amended by OSPAR Recommendation 2014/17 and OSPAR Recommendation 2019/03);

WISHING to up-date OSPAR Recommendation 2010/03 on a Harmonised Offshore Chemical Notification Format (HOCNF) (as amended by OSPAR Recommendation 2014/17 and OSPAR Recommendation 2019/03) to capture concentration data of plastic substances, microplastics and nanomaterials at substance level in the HOCNF;

The Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic RECOMMEND:

1. Purpose and Scope

1.1. The purpose of this Recommendation is to amend and update Recommendation 2010/03 on a Harmonised Offshore Chemical Notification Format (HOCNF) (as amended by OSPAR Recommendation 2014/17 and OSPAR Recommendation 2019/03).

2. Provisions

Annex 1

2.1 In Section 1.6(b) of Annex 1 of Recommendation 2010/03, footnote 9 is replaced by the following:

Entries under column 10 should be ticked if the chemical is, or contains, substances that are solid synthetic polymers insoluble in water, including those supplied dissolved in an organic solvent.
If "Yes" in any of columns 2 to 12 for one or more substances in the above table, please state the details and the concentration of the impurity/component in the table below:

3. Entry into force

3.1 This Recommendation has effect from 1 January 2022.