

OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP OF THE PARTIES TO
THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES THAT
DEplete THE OZONE LAYER

Seventeenth meeting
Geneva, 7-9 July 1998

PROCESS AGENTS

European Community: revised draft decision

The Tenth meeting of the Parties decides:

Noting with appreciation the report of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and the Process Agent Task Force in response to decision VII/10,

Noting the findings of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel that emissions from the use of ozone-depleting substances as process agents in non-Article 5 Parties are comparable in quantity to the insignificant emissions of controlled substances from feedstock uses, and that yet further reductions in use and emissions are expected by 2000,

Noting also the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel's findings that emissions from the use of controlled substances as process agents in countries operating under Article 5, paragraph 1, are already significant and will continue to grow if no action is taken, but that reductions in these emissions can be

achieved in a cost effective manner,

Recognizing the usefulness of having the controlled substances produced and used as process agents clearly delineated within the Montreal Protocol,

1. That, for the purposes of this decision, the term "process agents" should be understood to mean the use of controlled substances for the applications listed in table A below;^{*}
2. For non-Article 5 Parties, to treat process agents in a manner similar to feedstock for 1998 and until 31 December 2001;
3. That quantities of controlled substances produced or imported for the purpose of being used as process agents in plants and installations in operation before 1 January 1999, should not be taken into account in the calculation of production and consumption from 1 January 2002 onwards provided that:
 - (a) In the case of non-Article 5 Parties, the emissions of controlled substances from these processes have been reduced to insignificant levels as defined in table B below;^{**}
 - (b) In the case of Article 5 Parties, the emissions of controlled substances from process agent use have been reduced to levels agreed by the Executive Committee to be reasonably achievable in a cost effective manner without undue abandonment of infrastructure;
4. That all Parties should:

^{*} The list will contain the applications identified by TEAP on page 77 of volume 2 of their April 1997 report together with any other applications which are agreed by the Parties.

^{**} The table will be based on the information contained in Table 2.2 on page 89 of volume 2 of the April 1997 TEAP report for the year 2000;

- (a) Report to the Secretariat by 30 September 2000 and each year thereafter on their use of controlled substances as process agents, the levels of emissions from those uses and the containment technologies used by them to minimize emissions of controlled substances;
 - (b) In reporting annual data to the Secretariat for 2000 and each year thereafter, provide information on the quantities of controlled substances produced or imported by them for process-agent applications;
5. That the incremental costs of a range of cost-effective measures to reduce emissions of controlled substances from process agent uses in Article 5 Parties to the levels referred to in paragraph 3 (b) above, should be eligible for funding in accordance with the rules and guidelines of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund;
6. That the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund should, as a matter of priority, develop funding guidelines and begin to consider initial project proposals;
7. That Parties should not install or commission new plant using controlled substances as process agents after 31 December 1998, unless the Meeting of the Parties has decided that the use in question meets the criteria for essential uses under decision IV/25;
8. To request the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and the Executive Committee to report to the Meeting of the Parties in 2001 on the progress made in reducing emissions of controlled substances from process agent uses and on the implementation and development of emissions-reduction techniques and alternative processes not using ozone-depleting substances.

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