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Dear Sir,

Sub: Inputs required – Use of Perfluorooctyl Iodide for production of Perfluorooctyl Bromide

As members may be aware, India is a party to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), the object of which is to protect human health and the environment from persistent, toxic chemicals. Identified chemicals are listed in Schedule A & B of the Convention. Parties to the Convention are required strictly prohibit the use of chemicals listed under Schedule A, except in case where a specific exemption is obtained by the Member countries.

Perfluorooctyl Iodide which is required for production of Perfluorooctyl Bromide is listed under Schedule A of the above Convention. Since Perfluorooctyl Bromide is used in pharmaceutical industry, Government of India obtained a specific exemption for its use. Member countries who obtain such specific exemptions are required to submit a report periodically on the continued need for such exemption.

In view of the above, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Government of India is seeking inputs from the industry on the need for continued exemption for the above product. The Department also requires the industry to indicate if alternative processes / products have been identified for the above product, as the specific exemption will anyway expire by 2036.

Members using Perfluorooctyl Iodide (Perfluorooctyl Bromide) are requested to give their inputs by 20th September 2025, to enable us to inform the Department of Pharmaceuticals.

With Regards

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Executive Director