

China CPR on Plastic Products(including Chemicals of Concern in Plastic Products)

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1. Each Party shall strengthen the management of plastic products based on national circumstances and capabilities, and identify national priorities on plastic products that may cause pollution to take necessary measures, while considering the socio-economic impacts of such measures. To identify national priorities, each party should take into account the following elements on the plastic products: with high environmental leakage level, or containing the chemicals of concern with high environmental and human health risks, or low recyclability on a large scale.
2. Parties may refer to any guidance and criteria developed under Article X regarding plastic product design and Article X concerning waste management to implement Paragraph 1. Measures include, but are not limited to:
 - (1) Improving product design to enhance recyclability and circularity, and reduce the environmental and human health risks associated with chemicals contained in plastic products.
 - (2) Encouraging the use of substitutes, taking into full consideration their environmental, economic, social, and human health impacts;
 - (3) Strengthening infrastructure to increase waste recycling and safe disposal rates;
 - (4) Implementing measures on public education or awareness, government procurement, and other fiscal or economic incentives to change consumer behavior; and
 - (5) Other measures to address plastic pollution.
3. Each party shall assess the progress and challenges associated with the measures taken to implement Paragraph 1. The measures along with the corresponding progress and challenges, should be reflected in the national plans submitted in accordance with Article X and the national reports submitted in accordance with Article X.
4. A party may submit a proposal to the Conference of the Parties through the Secretariat for taking global measures on a certain plastic product, if the party believes that the certain plastic product cannot be effectively controlled globally through the aforementioned measures, and thus sees a need for global action. The proposal shall include:
 - (1) The Information on the global production, use, release and emissions, recycling, and waste disposal of the plastic product;
 - (2) The risks posed by the plastic product to ecosystems and human health at a global level;
 - (3) The control measures implemented globally and by parties on this plastic product;
 - (4) The information of substitutes and alternative methods for the plastic product; and

- (5) Any supplementary information that supports the necessity for global action.
5. The Conference of the Parties shall establish, at its first meeting, a subsidiary body to be called the Scientific-Technical-Economic Social Review Committee. This Review Committee shall evaluate proposals submitted by the Parties under paragraph 4, in a scientific and transparent manner. Key considerations in the evaluation shall include: the necessity of using the plastic product; the performance, safety, environmental friendliness, technical feasibility, affordability, availability, and accessibility of substitutes and alternative methods; the risk level associated with chemicals of concern in the plastic products; possible control measures; and the corresponding socio-economic impacts.
 6. The Review Committee, based on the evaluation results specified in Paragraph 5, shall recommend whether the plastic product for global action should be considered by the Conference of the Parties and the options for such global action.
 7. the Conference of the Parties, taking due account of the recommendations of the Review Committee, including any scientific uncertainties, shall decide whether to initiate global action pertaining to the plastic product and shall specify its related measures to be taken.