

Decision 2018/2

Compliance by Liechtenstein with the Protocol on Heavy Metals (ref. 24/13 (Hg), 6/17 (Cd)) and the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (ref. 4/17 (dioxin/furan, PAH, HCB))

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee and the procedure for review (ECE/EB.AIR/113/Add.1, decision 2012/25, annex):

1. *Recalls* its decision 2014/5 concerning compliance by Liechtenstein with the Protocol on Heavy Metals (ref. 24/13 (Hg));
2. *Notes* the twenty-first report of the Implementation Committee on the follow-up to decision 2014/5 concerning compliance by Liechtenstein with its obligation under article 3, paragraph 1, of the Protocol on Heavy Metals with respect to mercury emissions (ECE/EB.AIR/2018/3, paras. 3–6);
3. *Notes* the twenty-first report of the Implementation Committee concerning compliance by Liechtenstein with its obligation under article 3, paragraph 1 of the Protocol on Heavy Metals with respect to cadmium emissions (paras. 50–53), following the referral by the secretariat pursuant to paragraph 5 of the Implementation Committee, its structure and functions and procedures for review;
4. *Notes* the twenty-first report of the Implementation Committee concerning the compliance by Liechtenstein with its obligation under article 3, paragraph 5(a) of the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Protocol on POPs) with respect to emissions of dioxins/furans, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) and hexachlorobenzene (HCB) (paras. 39–43), following the referral by the secretariat pursuant to paragraph 5 of the Implementation Committee, its structure and functions and procedures for review;
5. *Notes* with concern that, in spite of the efforts made, Liechtenstein still fails to fulfil its obligation to reduce the emissions of mercury, cadmium, dioxin/furan, PAH and HCB of the Protocol on Heavy Metals and the Protocol on POPs from their levels in 1990 by taking effective measures, as required;
6. *Urges* Liechtenstein to fulfil its obligations under the Protocol on Heavy Metals and the Protocol POPs as soon as possible;
7. *Recommends* Liechtenstein to seek advice from relevant bodies under the Convention as needed, including the Task Force on Techno-economic Issues, and information provided at the thematic session on residential wood combustion and air pollution at the fifty-sixth session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review (Geneva, 22–25 May 2018) (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/120);
8. *Requests* Liechtenstein to provide the Implementation Committee, through the secretariat, by 28 February 2019, with:
 - (a) Information on any additional measures that can be taken to reduce emissions of mercury, cadmium, dioxin/furan, PAH and HCB and a quantitative assessment of their effects;

(b) A timetable specifying the year by which Liechtenstein expects to be in compliance.

9. *Decides* to invite Liechtenstein to participate in one of the Committee's meetings in 2019 to elaborate on the information provided pursuant to paragraph 8 above;

10. *Requests* the Implementation Committee to review the progress and timetable of Liechtenstein, and to report to the Executive Body thereon at its thirty-ninth session in 2019.