

OSPAR CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT OF THE
NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC
MEETING OF THE OSPAR COMMISSION
STOCKHOLM: 26-30 JUNE 2006

OSPAR Decision 2006/1 Amending
OSPAR Decision 98/4 on Emission and Discharge Limit Values for the
Manufacture of Vinyl Chloride Monomer (VCM) including the
Manufacture of 1,2-dichloroethane (EDC) and
OSPAR Decision 98/5 on Emission and Discharge Limit Values for the
Vinyl Chloride Sector, Applying to the Manufacture of Suspension-PVC
(s-PVC) from Vinyl Chloride Monomer

RECALLING Article 2(1) and (3) and Article 22 of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (“OSPAR Convention”);

RECALLING that the OSPAR Commission has adopted:

OSPAR Decision 98/4 on Emission and Discharge Limit Values for the Manufacture of Vinyl Chloride Monomer (VCM) including the Manufacture of 1,2-dichloroethane (EDC);

OSPAR Decision 98/5 on Emission and Discharge Limit Values for the Vinyl Chloride Sector, Applying to the Manufacture of Suspension-PVC (s-PVC) from Vinyl Chloride Monomer;

NOTING that the OSPAR Commission adopted Recommendation 2006/1 on Reporting Formats on the Implementation and Effectiveness of OSPAR Measures Relating to the Vinyl Chloride Industry to rationalize the existing commitments of the Contracting Parties within the framework of the OSPAR Convention to report on the implementation and effectiveness of measures relating to the use of best available techniques to, and the emissions and discharges from, the vinyl chloride industry;

NOTING that OSPAR Recommendation 2006/1 replaces existing implementation reporting formats in OSPAR measures relating to the vinyl chloride sector with one single reporting format and aligns the reporting years set out in these measures;

NOTING that OSPAR Recommendation 2006/1 also affects the provisions on implementation reporting of OSPAR Decisions 98/4 and 98/5;

WISHING to bring the provisions on implementation reporting in OSPAR Decisions 98/4 and 98/5 in line with the provisions of OSPAR Recommendation 2006/1;

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

1. The obligations in the second sentence of section 5.1 of OSPAR Decision 98/4, and in the second sentence of section 5.1 of OSPAR Decision 98/5 are revoked and replaced by:

“In respect of existing plants reports should be submitted to the appropriate OSPAR subsidiary body for the first time in the intersessional period 2008/2009 and every four years thereafter until this Decision is fully implemented unless otherwise specified by the Commission.”

2. The reporting formats in the Appendix of OSPAR Decisions 98/4 and 98/5 are superseded by the reporting format at Appendix 1 of Recommendation 2006/1.
3. This Decision enters into force on 15 January 2007.