

AEWA National Focal Points

Date: 24 March 2025

Ref.: 25-027-cl

Subject: Adoption of amendments to the MOP Rules of Procedure via silence procedure

Dear National Focal Points to AEWA,

In reference to my previous correspondence of 26 February 2025 (ref: 25-012-cl), sent to you through [Notification 2025/003](#), I have the honour to submit to you, in your capacity as National Focal Point to AEWA, the amended version of the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA for adoption by the Contracting Parties through a written silence procedure.

As you may recall, I submitted through correspondence of 26 February 2025 a draft Resolution Ex. 4 establishing a procedure for Contracting Parties to AEWA to adopt amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of Parties to AEWA prior to the 9th Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP9) via silence procedure, which was itself placed under a silence procedure. In the absence of any formal objection received by National Focal Points to AEWA until the formal deadline of 17 March 2025, **Resolution Ex. 4** is considered as **adopted effective 18 March 2025**. As a consequence, Resolution Ex. 4 enables me, in my capacity as Chair of the Standing Committee, after consultation with the Secretariat, to submit to you the enclosed draft Rules of Procedure under a silence procedure.

The proposed new wording in the Rules of Procedure clarifies that a quorum for a plenary session at a MOP shall consist of one-half of the Parties having delegations at the meeting (instead of half of all Contracting Parties), as is the case already for other MEAs. These amendments are expected to avoid the issue of not reaching quorum at future MOPs.

In line with the provisions described in Resolution Ex.4 I am herewith placing the draft Rules of Procedure under a written silence procedure. Comments on this amended version should be sent to me and the Secretariat until **15 May 2025**. The draft Rules of Procedure have been approved by the Standing Committee at the StC25 meeting on 10 February 2025. In the absence of any formal objection by National Focal Points to AEWA, the Rules of Procedure shall be considered as adopted effective 16 May 2025. In the event of an objection, I will try to resolve the problem with the National Focal Point and in close consultation with the Secretariat, and, if required, circulate a new draft.

Please direct any objection to the annexed draft Rules of Procedure through official letter or Note Verbale to both:

Mr. Simon Mackown, simon.mackown@defra.gov.uk and

Mr. Jacques Trouvilliez, aewa.secretariat@unep-aewa.org

Finally, I wish to thank you for your understanding and willingness to consider the draft Rules of Procedure under such exceptional circumstances.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the Secretariat in case you have a question or require additional information.

Best regards

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Simon Mackown

Chair of the AEWA Standing Committee

Encl.:

- Draft Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA
- Resolution Ex. 4 on the Adoption of Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of the Parties to AEWA prior to the 9th Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP9) via a silence procedure