

## **Mechanism for Adding New Chemicals to the OSPAR PLONOR List.**

Any supplier, vendor or organisation wishing to put forward a new candidate substance for inclusion in the OSPAR PLONOR List, or to add additional CAS numbers to substances already on the PLONOR List, should submit a request to a sponsor OSPAR Contracting Party. In the UK the data should be sent to DECC or Cefas. The data<sup>1</sup> should be submitted in accordance with the criteria laid out in the preamble to the PLONOR list (OIC 2003 Reference number: 2004-10) and preferably in electronic form. References must be given for eco-toxicological data and a supporting justification should be added in the form of an executive summary of no more than two sides of A4.

Cefas will review the data to ensure that the criteria for candidate PLONORs are met and that they are satisfied with the data presented. They will then pass their recommendation that the chemical is suitable for PLONOR status to the DECC and if DECC are content, Cefas will register the chemical as a Temporary OCNS Group E until 3 months after the next meeting of OIC (or the following meeting if the chemical is submitted within 20 weeks of the next).

At least 20 weeks before the next annual meeting of the Offshore Industry Committee, DECC will pass the eco-tox data to the UK National Contact Point on OIC who as the sponsoring OSPAR Contracting Party will circulate the data to the national contact points of the other Contracting Parties. The National Contact Points, under the lead of the UK, will correspond on the properties of the proposed chemicals and report their recommendations to the UK.

The UK National Contact Point will submit these proposals to the OSPAR Secretariat at least six weeks before the next meeting of OIC. They should contain a short description of comments or objections raised by Contracting Parties and the way in which the sponsor Contracting Party has taken these comments or objections into account in their final proposal to OIC.

If OIC decide that the candidate substance is not suitable for addition to the PLONOR list, Cefas will notify the supplier, who will be required to submit a full HOCNF data set before a full 3-year certification is granted.

### **Reference:**

OSPAR List of Substances / Preparations Used and Discharged Offshore which Are Considered to Pose Little or No Risk to the Environment (PLONOR). Reference number: 2004-10

1 Any data presented in HOCNF Format would not require necessarily any particular vendor details or tonnage used, as PLONOR list items may be supplied by a number of vendors etc. Supplier details and tonnage would need to be given and considered at the time of use when applying for a permit under national regulations for the implementation of the Harmonised Mandatory Control System under OSPAR Decision 2000/2 (amendment 2005/1). The sponsor Contracting Party could possibly give an indication of current tonnage used in their own area, if this information is readily to hand.