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List of Abbreviations

BAT	Best Available Techniques
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (USA)
CFC	Chlorofluorocarbons
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna
CPA	Norway's Climate and Pollution Agency (until 1 July 2013)
EE products	Electrical and Electronic Products
EEA	European Economic Area
EEA Treaty	Treaty/agreement on the European Economic Area
EEC	European Economic Community
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMAS	EU's Eco-management and Audit Scheme
ESA	EFTA Surveillance Authority
EU	European Union
GHG	Greenhouse Gases
GMO	Genetically Modified Organisms
GNP	Gross National Product
IMO	International Maritime Organization

List of Abbreviations

IPPC Directive	Consolidated Directive 2008/1/EC on Integrated pollution prevention and control, replaced by Directive 2010/75/EC on industrial emissions
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature
LRTAP	Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution
MARPOL	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OPA	Oil Pollution Act (USA)
OSPAR	Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic
Ot.prp. or Prop. L	Formal proposal for a new act, presented by the King in Council (the government) to Stortinget (the parliament)
PCA	Pollution Control Act
PCB	Polychlorinated biphenyls
St.meld. or Meld. St.	' <i>Stortingsmelding</i> ', white paper presented by the King in Council (the government) to Stortinget (the parliament)
St.prp. or Prop. S	' <i>Stortingsproposisjon</i> ', formal proposal for a budgetary or other decision (not new legislation), presented by the King in Council (the government) to be taken by Stortinget (the parliament)
UN	United Nations
UN/ECE	United Nations' Economic Commission for Europe
VOC	Volatile Organic Compounds
WFD	EU Water Framework Directive (Directive 2000/60/EC)
NEA	Norwegian Environment Agency

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