

Trade of Hazardous Wastes Declared to Be Reused

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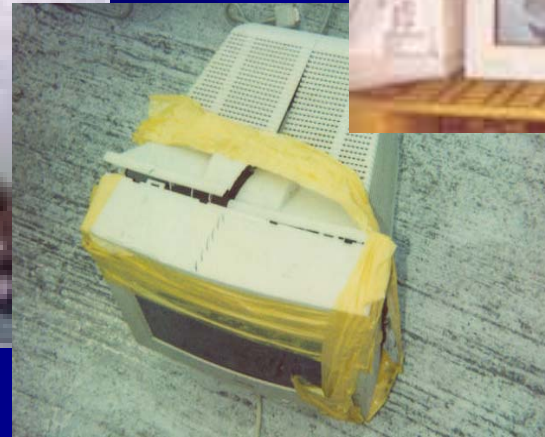
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What is the Problem?



In July 2004, HK



Some Hazardous Wastes May Be Exported to be Recycled without Prior Notification to Import Country, **Because They are Declared to be Reused.**

Differences between "Recycle" and "Reuse" in Japan

	Reuse	Recycle
Use	Its original use	Recovery of metal, glass and so on
Regulated under the Basel Convention	NO (Not listed in Annex IV)	YES (Listed in Annex IV as R)

Concerns:

Lead battery, Electronics, and so on

Example 1: Lead Battery



If Recycled...
Lead Recovery



➔ **A1160** of the Basel
Convention
(Waste lead-acid batteries,
whole or crushed)

E.g. In October 2004, Ship Back from HK

Example 2: TV sets (CRT)



If Recycled...
Glass Recovery



A1180 of the
Basel Convention

e.g. In November 2003 and October 2004, Ship Back from HK

Example 3: Others



Radio Cassette Player

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Auto Parts, etc...

Characteristics of Waste Declared to Be Reused and Their Problems

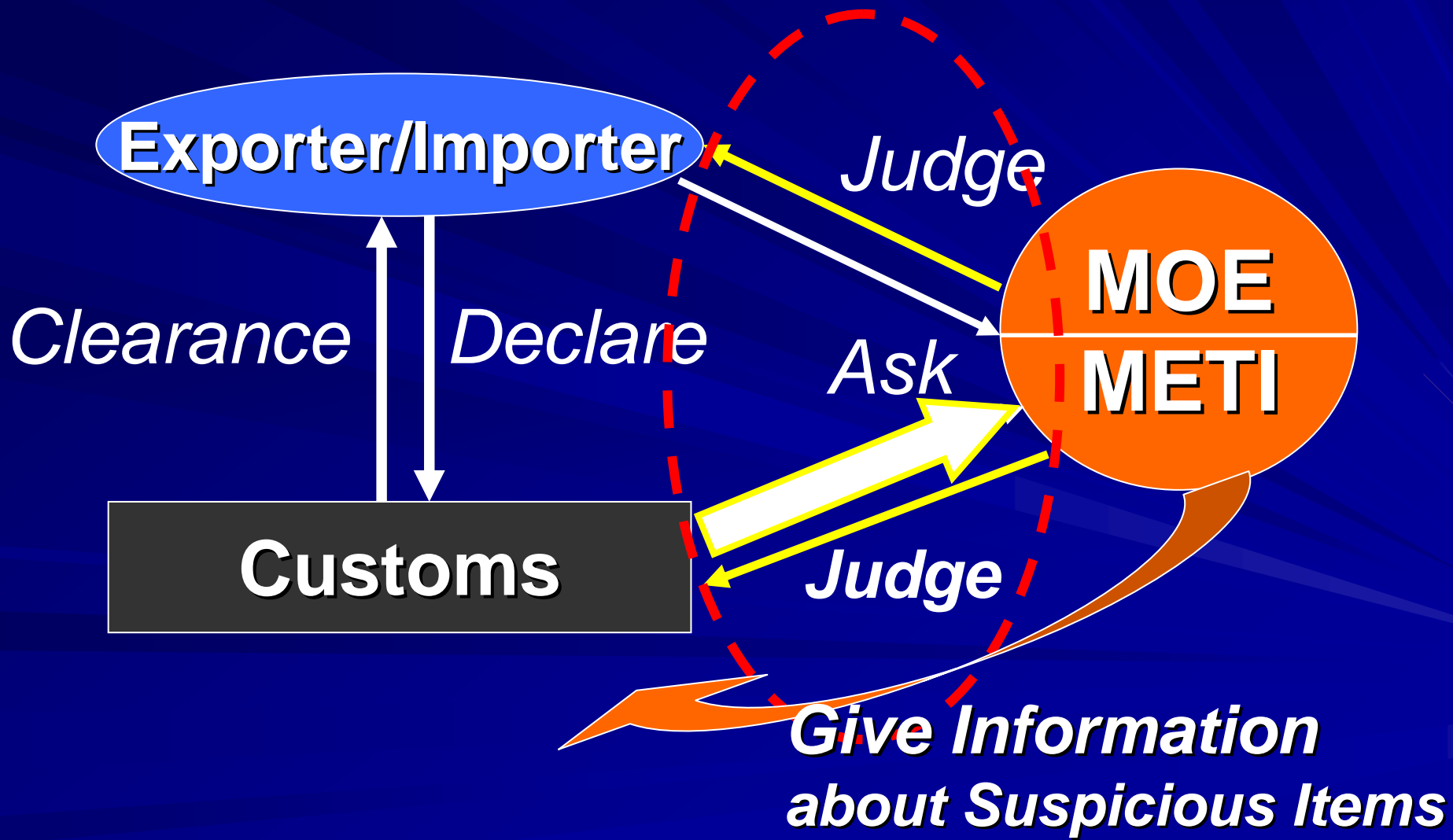
Characteristics

- **Insufficient packing** comparing to products
- **Varied quality**
- **Necessity to fix**
- **Exempted** from the Basel Convention

Problems

- **Damage** caused during transport
- Some are **not reused** but **recycled/dumped**.
- Exporters tend to declare **“This is for direct reuse, not for recycle.”**

Roles of MOE for Preventing Illegal Traffic of Waste Declared to Be Reused



Check Points and Difficulty in Proving the Purpose

- Quality
- Packing Way
- Method of Quality Check by Exporter

Guideline

- Market (Price) of the Secondhand Goods
- Shops/Fixing Factory of Secondhand Goods
- License for Selling Secondhand Goods

Situation of Import Countries

Ideas for Prevention of Illegal Traffic of Hazardous Waste Declared to Be Reused

- **Exchange Information of Legal Scheme, Market of Secondhand Goods, etc**
 - eg. legal distinction between reuse and recycle
- **Share Best Practice to Stop Illegal Trades**
 - eg. consultation by exporters to CA prior to the shipment of gray waste
- **Develop a Guideline to Distinguish “Reuse” and “Recycle”**
 - eg. packing, quality check method, certificate

Thank You!

