Briefing on Asian Network for Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Wastes

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## 1.Background

Need for prevention and monitoring of the illegal traffic



Proposal of Japan at OEWG1

"Establishment of the Asian Network for prevention of illegal transboundary movement of wastes"

(See UNEP/CHW/OEWG/1/INF3/Add.2)

### 2. Outline of the Network

- (1) Aims of the Network
- Development of an information exchange system among stakeholders of E&EA countries
  - Identify the needs of Parties in this region to prevent illegal traffic
  - Share useful information
  - Capacity building for the implementation of the BC
- Facilitation of day-to-day communication among CA

### (2) Network Participants

Cambodia

🧠 Hong Kong, Ch<mark>ina</mark>

Indonesia

Japan

Malaysia

The Philippines

Vietnam

Korea

Thailand

Singapore

BCRCs (China, Indonesia)



### (3) Work plan

FY2003	Start dialogue with Parties
	Questionnaire Survey
	Visits to Country/Region Authorities
	Preparation of case study on stream of reuse
	goods.
FY2004	Organization of a regional workshop
	Develop a Website for information exchange with useful information among the Parties.
	Conduct a case study on stream of reuse goods.
FY2005	Trial run of the information exchange system
	Formal agreement on the establishment of the Network

# 3. Summary of Major Findings from the Survey 2003

- (1) Problems in implementing the BC
- Disguise hazardous wastes as second hand commodities (e.g. e-waste)
- Manupulation of hazardous waste as non hazardous waste
- Difficulty on tracking of hazardous wastes movement.
- Hazardous wastes (rubber, oil-residue, chemicals) accompanying with second-hand resources (e.g. metal scrap)

### (2) Transboundary Movement of Secondhand Commodities

- Disguise hazardous wastes as second hand commodities
- Hazardous wastes accompanying with second-hand resources
- No clear definition determining whether commodities are classified as hazardous waste





## a) Information Exchange regarding the <u>import</u> of second-hand commodities

- Name of exporter/shipper/importer
- Type of the commodity / resources exported
- Condition of shipment / containment / packing
- Reference of pre-shipment inspection by the competent authority
- Approval standards for export of second-hand commodities / resources for reuse
- Domestic legislation of the Basel Convention

## b) Information Exchange regarding the export of second-hand commodities

- Approval standards for export of second-hand commodities / resources for reuse
- Domestic legislation of the Basel Convention
- List of importers who have previously violated the Basel Convention
- Checking and confirming with local importer on how the secondhand commodity would be handled
- List and categories of waste controlled under the government

### (3) Expected use of Asian Network

- Exchange of information on:
  - experience and measure to control the waste movement (e.g. policy and institution)
  - suspected waste shipment
  - procedure before applying approval of waste exporting
  - pre-shipment inspection of second-hand commodities and resources
- Facilitate communication with other countries Basel focal point in the region
- Provide database



# Contents of the information in the network

- Legislation database
- Contact details of national focal points (operational level)
- country institutions
- important web pages, documents (guidelines, reports, new books, journal articles)



## (4) Capacity building

- The expected subjects:
  - export / import inspection
  - definition / identification of hazardous waste
  - technical aspects of hazardous waste management



## 4. Outline of the workshop

#### Session1:

**Sharing of experiences and difficulties through implementing the Basel Convention** 

#### Session2:

Export and Import of Hazardous Wastes under the disguise of second-hand commodities and manipulating hazardous wastes as non hazardous wastes

#### Session3:

Draft Terms of Reference about Asian Network for Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Wastes

#### Session4:

Discussion on transboundary movement of recyclables within Asian region



## Outcomes of the workshop

Terms of Reference of the Network

Chair summary



# What is the most important outcome is ...

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