

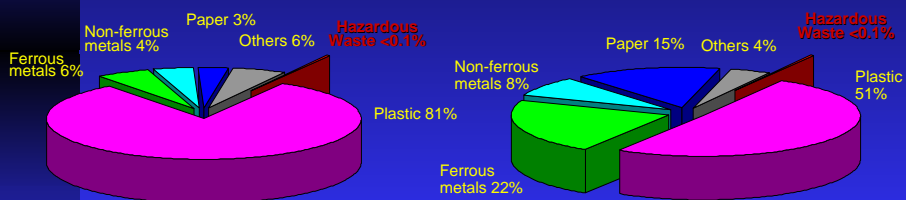
# Transboundary Waste Movements in Hong Kong (Latest Position)

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## Breakdown of the Wastes Imported & Exported



Waste Imported in 2004  
(3.6 million tons)

Waste Exported in 2004  
(4.9 million tons)

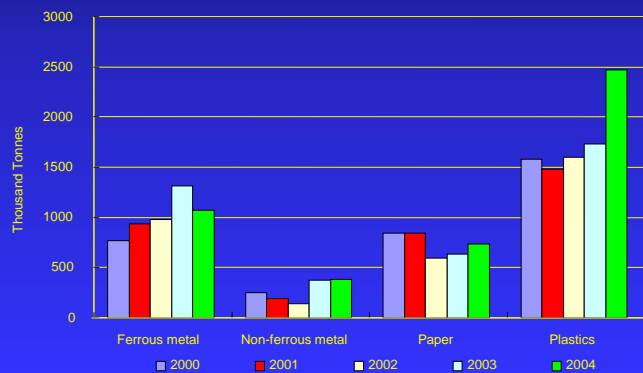
# Waste Imported

- Rise by 18.3% in 2004
- Mostly plastic scraps



# Waste Exported

- Rise by 14.9% in 2004
- Comprising metal, paper and plastic wastes



## Major Work over Past Year

- Launch joint enforcement operations with customs on import control
- Tighten control on smuggling of hazardous e-waste with Marine Police
- Strengthen cooperation with shipping agents in collection of information
- Take enforcement action against illegal e-waste storage sites



## Illegal Shipments Intercepted

Region	No. of Shipments		Wastes
	2004	2005 (Sept)	
Africa	1	0	Used monitors
Asia	36	16	Used monitors/TVs
	1	5	Used batteries
	0	1	Metal sludge/dross
Australasia	1	0	Used monitors
Europe	4	4	Used monitors
North America	48	14	Used monitors/TVs
	1	1	Used Batteries
	1	0	Metal sludge/dross
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>41</b>	

## Trend & Observations

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- Illegal Shipments of hazardous e-waste are the major problem
- USA is the major exporting country of waste monitors/televisions
- There are quite a number of illegal shipments of hazardous e-wastes in Asia
- There is a drop in number of illegal shipments intercepted in 2005



## Trend & Observations

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- More false declarations as “plastic waste”, “electronic parts” or “new products”
- The “quality” of the used monitors/TVs intercepted getting better
- More difficult in picking out illegal shipments
- More difficult in proving waste and taking enforcement action



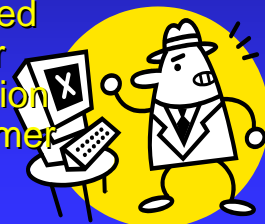
## Recent Court's Ruling on "Waste"

- Hong Kong legislation defines waste as any article or substance abandoned
- The court ruled in recent cases that any article or substance which is unwanted and given up by its [redacted] is regarded as waste irrespective whether the article is still workable or has any commercial value



## In Practical Sense

- Any used monitor or television once given up by its original user overseas will be regarded as waste under the law of Hong Kong if it is to be exported to Hong Kong
- Unless it has been properly examined, repaired, retrofitted and tested to ensure that the monitor or television is in such a condition suitable for selling to consumer for reuse direct



## Enforcement Implications

- Majority of the used monitors and televisions from overseas will be caught by the definition and considered as waste
- The fact that the articles are still workable or can be sold for a price is irrelevant in considering whether the articles are waste
- Hong Kong will follow the court's ruling in taking enforcement against shipments of used monitors and televisions



**THE END**

**Thank You**

