

**Regional Workshop on Prevention of Illegal
Transboundary Movement for Hazardous Waste**

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**Prevention Measures for Control Illegal
Transboundary Movement of Waste in
Vietnam**

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Presentation Structure

- Vietnam Environment Protection Agency
- Legislations
- Illegal traffics
- Management
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Vietnam – An Overview

- **Area:** 331,900 km²
- **Population:** 81.3 million
- **Population growth rate:** 1.2%
- **GDP:** \$39 billion
 - *Agriculture:* 21.8%
 - *Industry:* 40%
 - *Service:* 38.2%
- **GDP growth rate:** 7.2 %
- **National Capital:** Hanoi
- **Administrative divisions:** 64 provinces



Vietnam – An Overview



Ha Long Bay

Vietnam – An Overview



Sword Lake - Hanoi

Vietnam – An Overview



Urbanization in Hochiminh City

Vietnam Environment Protection Agency

- A subsidiary of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)
- Responsible for the State management of environmental protection, including:
 - **waste management/pollution control;**
 - environmental emergency response;
 - nature and biodiversity conservation;
 - environmental monitoring and reporting;
 - environmental quality improvement;
 - environmental technology application;
 - environmental information and awareness raising; and
 - international cooperation.
- **Focal point of Basel, Stockholm Conventions and others**



Pollution Control Division

- A subsidiary of Vietnam Environment Protection Agency (VEPA)
- Responsible for the State management of waste management and pollution control, including:
 - Waste and hazardous waste, and hazardous chemicals, including 3R
 - Pollution control: industrial clusters, non-point sources, craft villages,...
 - Scrap Materials Import
 - Environmental Incidents and Disasters
 - Monitoring Database Management for Pollution Control
 - Investigate and Survey for Polluted and degraded areas and Remediation Implementation
 - **Focal point of Basel, Stockholm Conventions and others**



Legislations

- (New) Law on Environmental Protection 2005
 - One chapter includes 6 Articles for hazardous waste (HW) management
 - Prohibit the import and transit of all kinds of waste from outsides
 - Prohibit the import of all kinds used transports for dismantling
 - ✓ In which, hazardous wastes mean wastes containing elements that are toxic, radioactive, inflammable, explosive, abrasive, contagious, poisonous of otherwise harmful.
 - ✓ Scraps mean products and materials discarded during the process of production or consumption which are recovered for use as production materials.

Legislations

- Decree No. 12/2006/ND-CP of the Government (Detailing implementation of Trade Law regulations on international buying and selling of commodities and agent activities including purchasing, selling, sourcing, outsourcing, border-gate transfer, and transiting of commodities with foreign countries), in which regulates the im-export-prohibited lists, , im-export lists, controlled im-export list (3 annexes).

Legislations

- In Decree No. 12/2006/ND-CP, the *import of second-hand commodities are banned*, including:
 - o Electronics (*under detailed regulation of MOT*)
 - o Cooling appliances (*under detailed regulation of MOT*)
 - o Home appliances (*under detailed regulation of MOT*)
 - o Information technology products (*under detailed regulation of Ministry of Telecommunication and Post Office*)

Legislations

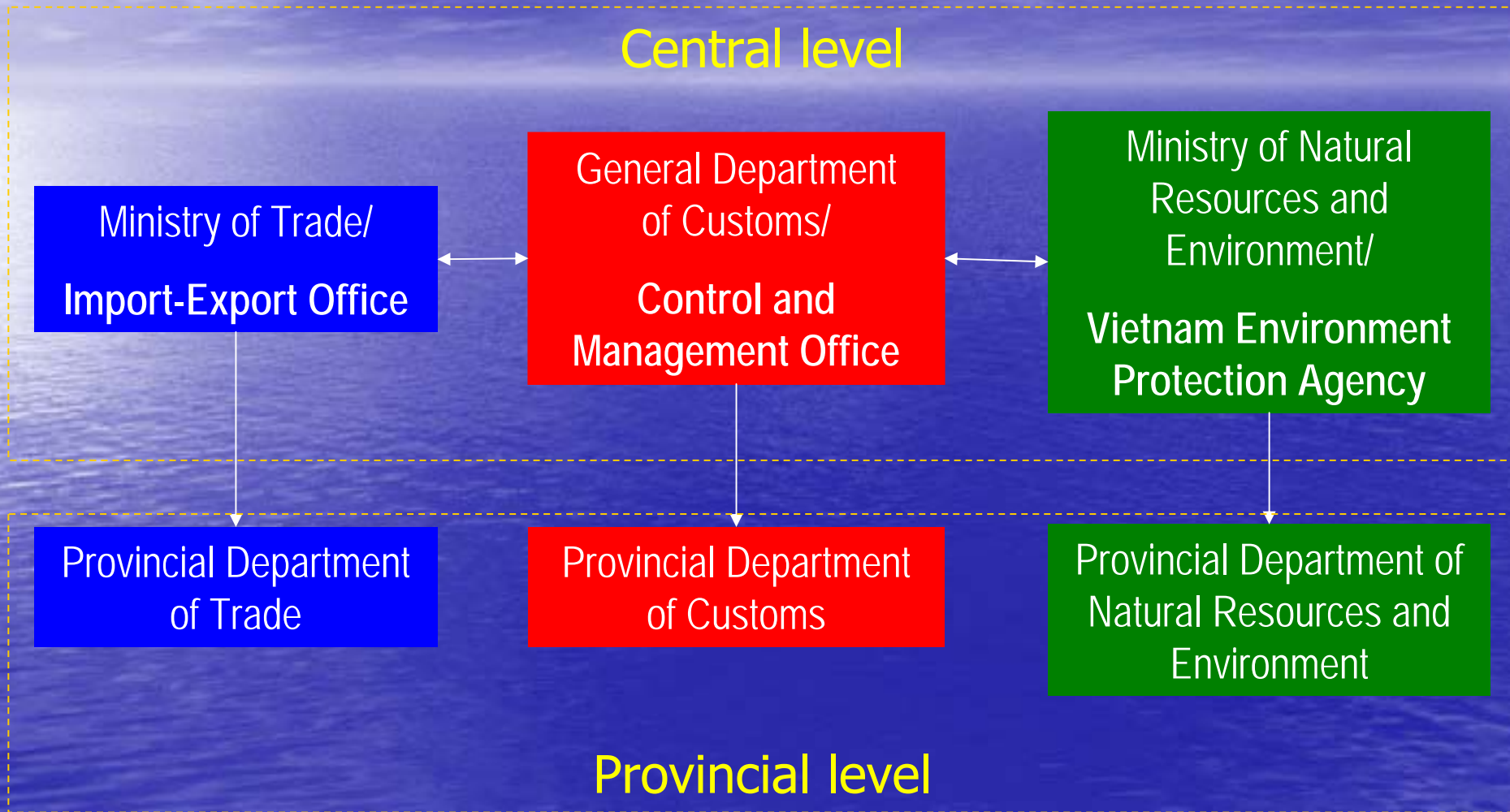
- Decision No. 12/2006/QD-BTNMT of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment on issuance of List of scraps allowed for import
 - Scraps in the list are allowed for import without environmental permit (automatic permit)
 - All other scraps are banned for import
- Decision No. 23/2006/QD-BTNMT of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment on issuance of List of Hazardous waste, in which, Electric and electronic waste is considered Hazardous

Legislations

- Circular No. 12/2006/TT-BTNMT of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment on guiding the capacity and conditions, and procedure for application, permit and code of hazardous waste management profession
 - HW (including E-waste) generators shall be registered
 - HW transporter and disposer shall apply for professional permit
 - Export of HW shall follow Basel Convention procedure

Illegal traffics

- Institutions related to illegal waste traffic control:



Illegal traffics

- In 2006, a series of illegal import of used office equipments, including e-waste, were discovered in Vietnam, which were pretended in the modalities as follows:
 - Temporarily import for fragmentation and re-export
 - Transit
 - Import for direct reuse (before Decree 12/2006/ND-CP bans)
- All illegal shipments were fined and obliged for return or re-export
- Through Basel notification network, some illegal export of e-waste from Vietnam via Hongkong were returned smoothly

Management issues

- In 2006, Vietnam has attended all the events/meetings, what are organized by Basel Secretariat and BRCR for getting information and sharing the experiences in HW management
- Attend the e-waste project
- Setting the across-sectors mission for enhancing the cooperation in transboundary movement of HW
- Organize the forum on new law implementation for used ships import for dismantling
- Cooperate with Custom Offices for detecting the HW movement and propose the control measures

Management Needs

- Definition and regulations
- Standard development for HW
- Methodology for HW identification and classification
- National inventory: Update the annually data
- **Capacity building** (central and local levels)
- Disposal technology development
- Illegal traffic control enhancement
 - Awareness
 - Information share
 - Network (domestic and international)

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