

# Workshop of the Asian Network for Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes

## Session 1 - The Import and Export Control of Hazardous Wastes in HKSAR, China

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# Import and Export Statistics under the Basel Convention (2007) - Transit Notification

- Waste types include battery waste and metal sludge/residue.
- Export countries include Australia, China & Malaysia and the final import countries include Korea, Germany & Japan.

## ➤ Transit Notification

<u>Application:</u>	17
Consented:	9
Stop Processed:	6
Rejected:	1
Processing:	1



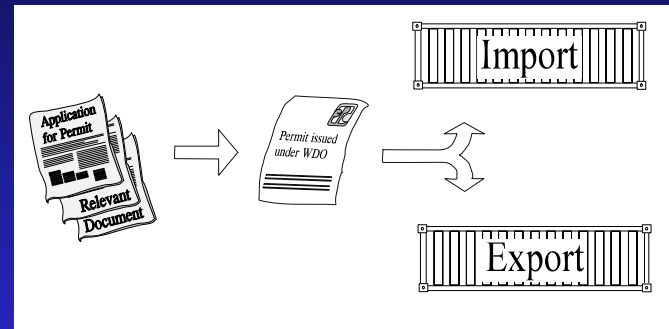
# Import and Export Statistics under the Basel Convention (2007)

## - Import & Export Permit

### ➤ Import Permit

Application: 0

### ➤ Export Permit



☞ Waste types include battery waste, metal ash, office equipment.

☞ Export countries are Japan, Italy, Thailand, Korea and Singapore.

Application: 5

Permit Issued: 5



# Waste under Export Permit





# Illegal Import and Export Cases in Hong Kong (2007)

- Hong Kong is located in a convenient location and has efficient harbour facilities. Therefore, HK is a major transshipment port in the Asia-Pacific Region.
- Intercepted 170 hazardous e-waste shipments, amounting to 4937 tones.



# Illegal Import and Export Cases in Hong Kong (2007)

- The relevant major export countries are North America (56), Asia (55), Central America (18), Europe (14), Africa (9) and others (18).
- Major hazardous waste types are computer monitors and televisions with cathode ray tubes and batteries.



# Major Activities and Initiatives in 2007

- Close collaboration between EPD and Shipping Companies. EPD has established close collaboration with the shipping trade in order to secure the return shipment arrangement.



*RETURN SHIPMENT*





# Major Activities and Initiatives in 2007

- Target Operation between EPD and HK Customs. In April, EPD and C&ED successfully intercepted and examined 41 shipments from a vessel. Among the 41 shipments, 27 shipments were found to contain hazardous waste.



Hazardous waste found





# The Way Forward

## (Achievements and Challenges)

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- High standard of environmental protection. The courts have ruled that waste is something given up (“discarded”) by the original user irrespective whether it is still workable or can be sold for a value.



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## (Achievements and Challenges)

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- Hong Kong EPD emphasized the build up of close collaboration with various intelligent network and sources. In 2007, there were 19 intelligent cases leading to successful enforcement actions.

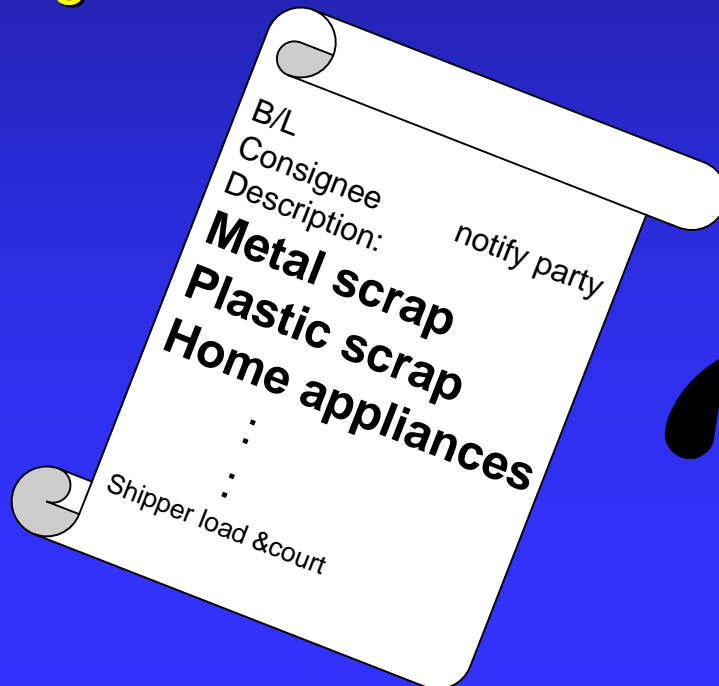


- Hong Kong EPD has close collaboration with Hong Kong Customs to combat illegal transboundary movement of hazardous wastes.

# The Way Forward

## (Achievements and Challenges)

- Vague cargo description such as “metal scrap”, “plastic scrap”, “electronic appliances”, “home appliances”, etc.... that may be hazardous waste or green waste.



# The Way Forward (Achievements and Challenges)

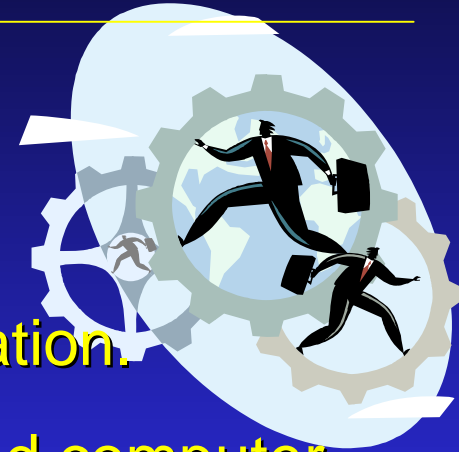
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- January 2008 National Geography:  
Story of Corona Visions

– an illusion of a win-win situation.

“China forbids the import of electronic and computer scrap, but waste experts say the clampdown has driven e-waste elsewhere.”

- Control at source (export countries) rather than the end point (import countries) control





A panoramic view of the Hong Kong skyline, featuring the Bank of China Tower and other skyscrapers, with the water in the foreground and a blue sky with clouds. The text "THE END" is overlaid in large, bold, red letters with a black outline.

**THE END**

**Thank You**