

# **Implementation of the Basel Convention in Vietnam - 2007**

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# Hazardous Waste Import statistics

- HW import is prohibited under Law
- Exchange of information with some BC focal point (Hong Kong, Germany, Netherlands, Singapore, China, Malaysia)

# Hazardous Waste Export statistics

- 2 intentions of shipment of used lithium batteries to Canada and tin sludge to Republic of Korea
- Exchange of information with some BC focal point (Canada, ROK...). No responses received

# Illegal import and export cases

- Use lead acid batteries
  - 15 containers
- Plastic scraps mixed with hazardous wastes
  - 21 containers
- Steel scraps mixed with hazardous wastes
  - About 50 containers
- PCB transformer for power plant
  - Under inspection

# Illegal import and export cases

- Smuggling strategies:
  - Fake permits
  - Wrong shipment
  - Fake declaration to customs





# Newly introduced regulations and regulation under discussion

- Interministerial circular 02/2007/TTLT-BCT-BTNMT on requirements of the import of secondary materials
- Standards for hazardous waste limits
- Regulated technical standard on hazardous waste limits
- Electronic waste specifications
- EPR guidelines
- Standards for secondary materials to be imported







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# Other activities

- Set-up of permitting system for hazardous waste collection, transport and disposal
- Granting permit for hazardous waste collector, transporter and disposer
- Development of e-manifest system for hazardous wastes
- Exchange of information among customs, industry, environment and trade authorities
- Inspection mission to ports and provinces

# Challenges and difficulties

- Lack of comprehensive legal, institutional system for controlling
- Lack of guidelines, standards to identify difference categories of wastes
- Incompetence of custom officers to quickly identify hazardous waste
- Lack of human resource and capacity to control in-land border
- Capacity to treat and dispose hazardous waste safely



An aerial photograph of a mountainous landscape in Vietnam. The hills are covered with lush green vegetation and numerous terraced rice fields. The terraces are arranged in a series of concentric, wavy lines that follow the contours of the slopes. The rice plants are in various stages of growth, with some appearing golden-yellow and others green. A small cluster of traditional wooden houses is visible on a hillside to the right. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

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