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Background information

- Become a party : 1997
- □ CA : DIW, Mol
- □ FP : PCD, MoNRE
- □ NEB : BC Sub-com. meeting
 - 2-4 meetings annually
 - Sub-committee members include 22 persons:
 - □ 16 from 13 government agencies
 - □ 2 from private sector
 - □ 4 experts/NGO

BC Sub-committee Meeting

Discussions/reports to the meetings:

- Report of COP9 in Bali / COP10 (preparation)
- Results of the training workshop
- Study of the Ban Amendment and the Basel Protocol
- Revision of control list to be more compatible with the Basel Convention and addition of possible ban list

Presentation outline

- 1. Takeback precedure & case study
- 2. Remaining difficulties for arranging takeback
- 3. Risk profiling activities conducted in Thailand
- 4. Possible HS codes with high risk for deliberate disguised declaration
- 5. Possible activities conducted under the Asian Network

1. Takeback precedure & case study

The **Customs** Act, B.E.2469(1926): Chapter VII Overtime Goods

| State of Origin | Type of waste | Volume (tons) | Mgt. procedure | Responsible authority of TB | Remarks |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| UK (2001-2003) | used batteries/used tires/part of used car & engine | 23.45 | CD/FP/CA < (Joint inspection) | → UK | Hazardous Substance Act B.E.2535 (1992) |
| Japan (2002) | Used computer monitor | 35.89 | CD | - | ESM in TH by Imp. |
| Japan (2004-2005) | E-waste and used pinball game broads | 46.2 | CD/FP/CA ← | → JP | Notification of DIW Re: Importing conditions for used EEE which is HS into the Kingdom of TH (2003) |
| Netherlands (2006-2007) | mixed waste with plastics scraps | 17.7 | FP ↔ FP/CA/CD ← (Joint meeting) | > NL | Notification of DIW, "Re: Criteria for permission of importing plastics, either used or unused, & its scraps"(1996) |

Thailand takeback experience & procedure

| State of Destination | Type of waste | Volume (tons) | Mgt. procedure | Responsible authority of TB | Remarks | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Hong Kong (2004) China | used / broken computer monitor | 57.35 | FP ←→ FP/CA/CD ← (Joint meeting) | ► TH | Notification of DIW Re: Importing conditions for used EEE which is HS into the Kingdom of TH (2003) / ESM | | | |
| Takeback procedure to TH (2004) | | | | | | | | |

 $FP \longleftrightarrow FP \leftrightarrow CA \leftrightarrow CD \leftrightarrow Exp. \Longrightarrow ESM \text{ (recycle, treat, dispose)}$

CA approval

How we solved these problems

Technical training workshop on identification

and monitoring of hazardous waste transboundary movement in Thailand

□ 7th annual technical training workshop:

Background

□ Apply from "Basel Convention training manual on Illegal Traffic" (2004)

■ target group : 65 participants (August 4-6, 2010)

- 13 government agencies (DIW, Office of the Council of State ,Customs Dept, Department of Treaties and Legal Affairs, Office of Insurance Commission, Marine Dept, Dept of Health, Office of International Cooperation on Natural Resources and Environment, Port Authority of Thailand, Royal Thai Police, National Science and Technology Development Agency, Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand, and PCD)
- 4 from private organizations (the Federation of Thai industry, Board of Trade of Thailand, Thai National Shippers' Council, and the Thai Licensed Customs Broker Association)
- □ 9 experts/speakers

Technical training workshop on identification

and monitoring of hazardous waste transboundary movement in Thailand

□ 7th annual technical training workshop on *identification*

and monitoring of hazardous waste movement (continued)

- objectives
 - □ identification & monitoring of HW/EEE
 - □ Prevention of illegal traffic of HW
- Training topics included:
 - Hazardous Waste Definition
 - Basel Convention/Rotterdam/Stockholm/Vienna(Montreal protocol)
 - □ Sample collection methods and inspection procedure
 - □ Role of Officers (Customs, Port, Environment)
 - Domestic laws & regulations & their amendments (Illegal TBM of HW) by Customs & CA
 - □ Import-Export of used EEE
 - □ Site visits recycling factory



7th annual technical training workshop: day 1



7th annual technical training workshop: day 2

CUSTOMS ACT, B.E. 2469 (1926)1

HIS MAJESTY KING PRAJADHIPOK IS GRACIOUSLY PLEASED TO PROCLAIM THAT:

Whereas it is expedient that the management and conduct of the work of the Customs Department should be regulated;

Be it, therefore, enacted by the King, as follows:

CHAPTER I

Section 1. This Act is called the "Customs Act, B.E. 2469 (1926)", and it shall come into force three months after the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.²

Definitions

Section 2. For the purpose of this Act or other laws relating to the Customs, and of the interpretation of such Act or laws, the following terms unless they are contrary to the provisions or contents herein, shall mean and include the following objects and matters:

^a Published in the Government Gazette Vol. 43 Page 272, dated 13th August B.E. 2469 (1926).



CHAPTER VII Overtime Goods

Section 61.⁶¹ Goods remaining in the custody of Customs in any of the following manner shall be deemed to be overtime goods:

(1) imported goods which are hazardous goods of the types or categories specified by the Director-General under section 6 (6) for which the importer has not yet paid duty and taken such goods out of the Customs limits within the time period specified by the Director-General in the Government Gazette:

(2) imported goods other than (1) which have remained in the custody of the Customs for a period of two months without a certified shipment entry and not having been paid or placed security for the duties levied on such goods, where the Director-General shall immediately notify the agent of the vessel and a period of fifteen days has passed since the agent of the importing vessel was notified by the Director-General.

In proceeding with overtime goods under paragraph one, the Director-General shall have the power to order a competent official to destroy or to sell such goods by auction, or to order the importer or the agent of the importing vessel to re-export such goods, and if the importer or the agent of the importing vessel fails to comply, the Director-General shall have the power to order a competent official to destroy such overtime goods at the expense of the importer or the agent of the importing vessel, as the case may be.

In ordering a competent official to destroy overtime goods under paragraph two, the method employed for such destruction shall be safe for human beings, animals, plants, property, and environment.

If the Director-General considers that the proceeds of a sale by auction under paragraph two would be less than appropriate, or there are any other justifiable reason, he may order the sale of such goods by any other method, and in the case where the proceeds of the sale either by auction or by such other method would be insufficient to cover the full duty or may cause any unnecessary damage, such goods shall be disposed of as the Director-General shall direct.

With regard to overtime goods under paragraph one (1), the Director-General shall prescribe the rules, procedure and period for expediting the execution of the official powers and duties under this section, taking into account the dangers that may subsequently happen.







¹ As last amended by the Customs Act (No. 20), B. E. 2548 (2005) (published in the Government Gazette Vol. 122, Part 4a, dated 13th January B.E. 2548 (2005)).



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7th annual technical training workshop: day 2

















7th annual technical training workshop: day 3







2. Remaining difficulties for arranging takeback

- □ Absence of importer and/or consignee (importer and/or consignee was dummy company, or changed the name)
 - □ 2007 (used battery) : TH border
- □ Absence of exporter

(exporter was dummy company, changed the name)

- **2009 (e-waste) : TH border**
- □ Lack of finance for takeback
- **Far distance to the State of origin** (the State of origin is too far away from your country)

Remark

■ 2010 (e-waste) : TH border

3. Risk profiling activities conducted in Thailand

■ Used tire: Notification of MoC B.E.2546 (2003)

- Plastic: Notification of DIW, "Re: Criteria for permission of importing plastics, either used or unused, and its scraps" (rev.2008) / Notif. of MoC B.E.2539 (1996)
- EEE: Notification of DIW Re: Importing conditions for used electrical and electronic equipment which is hazardous substance into the Kingdom of Thailand. (rev.2007) / H.S. Act (1992)
- List A: Notification of Mol (2003&2006) / H.S. Act (1992)

4. Possible HS codes with high risk for deliberate disguised declaration

■ Used tire: 9 HS codes (used tire/part of its)

Plastic: 9 HS codes (plastics, either used or unused, and its scraps)

EEE:

- 31 HS codes : 32 items (2nd hand)
- 13 HS codes : 31 items (parts)

List A (Annex 8) : 61 items

HS codes / None HS codes

Example of Gaps to implementation : List A (61 items)

| H.S. Act B.E.2535 (list khor+) (= Annex 8) | BSC | HS /Statistic code | Risk Profiling | Criteria to identify HW (Annex 3) |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| A1020,1030, | \checkmark | \checkmark | None | - |
| A3030,3150, <mark>3180</mark> | \checkmark | $\checkmark\checkmark$ | None | - |
| A1140,4020 | \checkmark | $\checkmark\checkmark$ | None | Need |
| A1160,1180,2010,2050,4110 | \checkmark | None | None | - |
| A4060 | \checkmark | None | None | Need |
| A1060 | $\checkmark\checkmark$ | $\checkmark\checkmark$ | None | - |
| A1010,1150,3140,4010 | $\checkmark\checkmark$ | $\checkmark\checkmark$ | None | Need |
| Others | $\checkmark\checkmark$ | None | None | Need |

What we will going to do

Fill the gaps : List A

□ Ongoing project:

- Review interpretation List A
- Determine same interpretation of List A as HS-code, tariff and statistic code
- Risk profiling
- □ New entry in List A:
 - Data gathering of import/export of wastes and non-waste
 - Identify types/determine the appropriate analytical methods (Annex 3)
 - Determine same HS-code, and statistic code for each waste
 - Risk profiling

5. Possible activities conducted under the Asian Network

Awareness Raising ws / Technical Training ws

□ **Information sharing** among CA and the relevant authority:

Determine same in interpretation of waste as HS & statistic code

Sharing blacklist of suspicious import / export companies

Contribute for **R & D** for import/export wastes or unusable materials

- Data gathering waste and non-waste
- Determine the procedure / criteria to identify HW (Annex 3)
- Determine same HS & statistic code for each waste

□ AEO programs initiatives project: CD (Risk mgt.) VS & (CSR)



Thank you



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