


Review of the Asian Network Activities and Objectives of the Workshop

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Background Information

- There is an increasing concern in Asian countries about transboundary movement (TBM) of hazardous wastes
 - Some hazardous wastes are illegally imported/exported and may be treated in the environmentally unsound manner, which causes the adverse effects to human health and the environment, especially in developing countries
 - For the purpose of obtaining appropriate control on such illegal shipments, the establishment of the "**Asian Network for Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Wastes**" has been proposed by the Government of Japan in 2003
 - A project for establishing the Network has been acknowledged by Parties at the First Session of the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention (OEWG1) in 2003
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History of the Asian Network Activities

2003	- Questionnaire on general info of TBM of wastes
2004	- AN workshop (Tokyo) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Development of Asian Network website
2005	- AN workshop (Tokyo) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Inception workshop on ESM of E-waste (Tokyo)<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Launch a Asian E-waste project scheme under the Basel Convention
2006	- E-waste Inventory project in four countries (KH, ML, TH, VN) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Research on criteria for waste/non-waste
2007	- Regional workshop (Beijing) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Launch a research project on TBM of E-wastes and secondhand EEE - AN workshop (Tokyo)
2008	- Questionnaire on good practices and import/export procedure
2009	- AN workshop (Kuala Lumpur) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Launch a E-handbook development project - E-waste training workshop (Hanoi)



Review of AN Workshop -2004-

- December 7-8, 2004 in Tokyo
- 26 participants from 9 countries, one region, and two Basel Convention Regional Centers (BCRC)
(Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Hong Kong SAR, BCRC China, and BCRC-SEA)
 - Shared experience and difficulties of each country
 - Agreed TOR of the Asian Network
 - Discussion on the sitemap of AN website



Review of AN Workshop -2005-

- November 23, 2005 in Tokyo
Back-to-back inception workshop on ESM of E-waste in AP region
- 22 participants from 9 countries, one region, and 2 BCRCs
- 7 observers (SBC, Australia, researchers, etc)
 - Shared updated information on regulation
 - Trend of TBM
 - Criteria on secondhand EEE and E-waste



Review of Regional Workshop -2007-

- March 28-29, 2007 in Beijing
- Organized by BCRC China, with support from SEPA of China and MOE of Japan
- 35 participants from 10 countries and one region
- 25 observers (SBC, IMPEL-TFS, Netherlands, RILO/AP, etc)
 - **Information exchange on updated waste regulations**
 - **Definition of waste/non-waste**
 - **Regional demand for IEC network**



Review of AN Workshop -2008-

- January 28-30, 2008 in Tokyo
- 27 participants from 11 countries, one region and 2 BCRCs (Brunei Darussalam was newly invited)
- 14 observers (SBC, Canada, IMPEL-TFS, UNEP/ROAP, etc)
 - **Update on implementing activities of the Basel Convention**
 - **Criteria for new, secondhand, and waste**
 - **Good practices for the implementation**
 - **Future projects of the Asian Network**



Review of AN Workshop -2009-

- January 20-22, 2009 in Kuala Lumpur
- Co-organized by BCRC-SEA and MOEJ, with support from DOE of Malaysia
- 26 participants from 11 countries, one region and 2 BCRCs
- 6 observers (SBC, IMPEL-TFS, researchers / consultants, etc)
 - **Good practices for effective implementation**
 - **Asian situation in TBM of hazardous wastes**
 - **Toward ESM of Secondhand EEE and E-wastes**



Workshop 2009 of the Asian Network for Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes
January 20-22, 2009, Kuala Lumpur



Projects under the Asian Network

● *Research project on the import/export control of used EEE and E-waste (completed in 2009)*

A research on definitions and criteria of secondhand EEE and E-waste was conducted by BCRC China for better understanding of differences in rules and regulations of each country

● *Electronic notification and performance pledge*

In order to accelerate notification process, it was agreed upon by network members in the workshop 2009 to send notification electrically through fax or email as well as by post. A performance pledge for the notification processing time was also set by each country

● *E-handbook for good practices*

In the workshop 2009, Development of a web-based handbook was agreed to keep sharing good practices of implementation activities of the Basel Convention among member countries for enhancing the overall enforcement capability of the region

Electronic Notification & Performance Pledge

<Background>

- Many traders complain the lengthy and unpredictable process of Basel notification and consent receipt
- Speedy and user-friendly import/export procedures may promote legal transactions, resulting in reducing illegal trade

<Area of improvement>

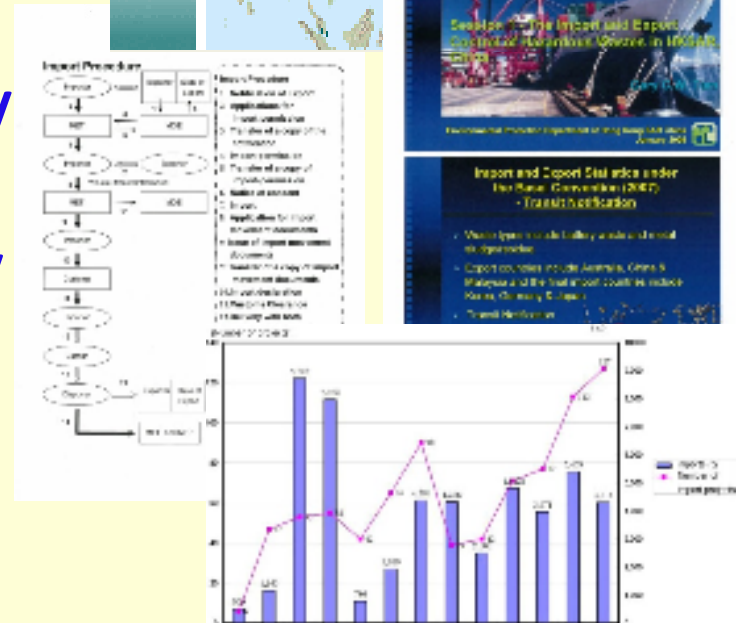
- *Mailing notification sometimes takes more than one week by postal delay...*
- *Internal processing of import/export application is sometimes slow ...*

Country	Performance pledge	
	Import	Export
Malaysia	21 working days	21 working days
China	20 days	N/A
Japan	30 working days	30 working days
Singapore	7 days	7 days
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Sending notification documents electronically
Setting a performance pledge for the processing time

Website


- Asian Network website is developed as a tool for promoting information exchange and dissemination
- The website contains wealth of information in the region including;
 - Regularly updated contact information of competent authority / focal point**
 - Regulation and policy of each country**
 - Network activities and workshop documents**
 - Import/export procedure**
 - Statistical data, etc**



http://www.env.go.jp/en/recycle/asian_net/index.html



Brief Review of the Workshop 2009

- Some participants proposed *a promoted dialogue and collaboration with customs officers in the future AN workshop* while bearing in mind the existing initiative by UNEP/ROAP for the MEA Regional Enforcement Network
 - Participants agreed to *develop a web-based handbook for good practice (E-handbook) to keep sharing good practices* among member countries for enhancing the overall enforcement capability of the region
 - Participants recognized that *clear definitions and strict border control on illegal import/export of disguised secondhand EEE and E-wastes* were vital for combating environmentally unsound practices
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Objective of the Workshop 2010

● *Theme of the Workshop 2010*

- *Reinforced collaboration of Customs and Competent Authorities of the Basel Convention*

● *Based on the theme, the workshop newly invites:*


- 9 customs officers from 8 countries and one region,
 - General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ), China
 - World Customs Organization (WCO) and Regional Intelligence Liaison Office for Asia and the Pacific (RILO/AP)
 - International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)
 - United States
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Objective of the Workshop 2010

- Reinforced Collaboration -

Expected outputs of the workshop are:

- To identify obstacles and difficulties by customs in their frontline enforcement activities
 - To understand ongoing initiatives by relevant international organizations
 - To share good practices for effective enforcement
 - To explore ***effective collaborative measures*** between the Asian Network, customs authorities, and international organizations
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Flow of the Workshop 2010

Session 1

Update on Implementation Activities
of the Basel Convention

Session 2

Border Control Activities for
Tackling Illegal Transboundary Movement of
Hazardous Wastes

Session 3

Good Practices for Effective Enforcement
in Asia and other Regions

Session 4

Effective Collaborative Measures between
Asian Network, Customs Authorities,
and International Organizations

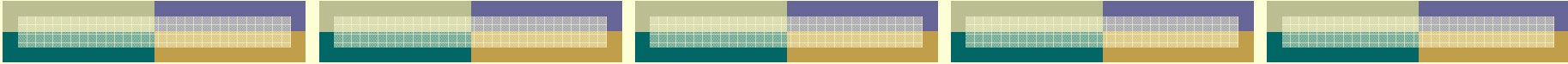
Session 5

Chair's Summary

Jan 27

Jan 28





Have a good discussion !!

