



Scope of Session 4

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

The Secretariat of the Asian Network

Underlying Assumptions (1)

- ▶ With progress of globalization and rapid economic development in Asia, TBM of HW remains and even increases its importance in the international agenda of cross-border environmental crime.
- ▶ In order for tackling illegal TBM of HW, an independent effort by CA of the Basel Convention is not sufficient: there is a growing need for the concerted efforts by the customs and competent authorities for stricter joint control at both national and international levels.
- ▶ It is therefore essential to strengthen cooperation and collaboration among the national relevant authorities and international organizations in order for better enforcement of the Basel Convention.

Underlying Assumptions (2)

- ▶ The Asian Network can provide a functioned platform focusing on TBM of HW upon which those collaborative measures be expanded.
- ▶ The ultimate goal should be to ensure that TBM of HW, especially destined to developing countries, constitutes an ESM of those wastes as required by the Basel Convention.

Breakout group discussion

▶ **Group A**

Enhanced collaboration between the customs and competent authorities of the Basel Convention

▶ **Group B**

Effective measures for ensuring environmentally sound management of traded hazardous wastes

Group A – Scope of Discussion

Given the difficulties and obstacles in the frontline enforcement activities and ongoing activities by relevant organizations identified in the previous sessions, how the Asian Network can address the following issues?

- a. Priority areas to be addressed among the frontline enforcement difficulties/obstacles
- b. Control measures to be undertaken for tackling those difficulties/obstacles at the national and regional levels
- c. Activities (or project) to be considered and formulated for strengthening cross-border and regional collaboration
- d. Possible coordinated system for intelligence sharing and international framework for collaboration

Group B – Scope of Discussion

Based on the group analysis on the following issues;

- a. Current situations of TBM of hazardous wastes in the region
- b. Reasons for TBM of HW where ESM cannot be ensured

What kind of measures the Asian Network should seek for?

- c. Necessary measures to address the reasons identified above and to ensure TBM of HW where recycling and treatment is conducted in an environmentally sound manner
- d. Activities to be considered and formulated for monitoring and confirming the completion of ESM in the destined facilities

Expected Goals of the Session

Through the discussion, participants are expected to:

- ▶ Come up and agree with some effective collaborative measures the Asian Network should promote including;
 - ✧ Strengthening cooperation at the national level
 - ✧ Strengthening cross-border and regional collaboration
 - ✧ Promoting intelligence sharing
 - ✧ Confirmation system that ESM of exported/imported hazardous wastes can be ensured
- ▶ Identify next steps the Asian Network and member countries should undertake

Group Allocation

▶ Group A

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Refer to distributed paper



Thank you

