

Scope of Session 3

Measures for Strengthening Border Control and Facilitation of Takeback Procedure

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
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Review of the Asian Network Activities

- Asian Network Workshop has invited customs department or other enforcement network (such as IMPEL-TFS) on a regular basis and has kept discussion for effective enforcement of the Basel Convention.



Review of the Discussion at the Past Workshops

 At the past workshop, measures for strengthening border control was discussed and the followings are identified as key elements:

- Close cooperation between enforcement officers, particularly competent authority of the Basel Convention, custom, port authority and police department
- Joint inspection of cargo in question
- Risk profiling and intelligence sharing (e.g., list of exporter/ importer, HS code, destination with high risk of false declaration)
- Awareness raising of stakeholders involved in TBM of HWs, especially exporters/importers
- Inter-regional cooperation (such as coordination and cooperation between Asian Network and IMPEL-TFS)

Discussions on Takeback

- The past workshops also recognized importance of take-back (or ship-back) as it could prevent pollution derived from illegally imported HW in State of import.
- However, many countries have faced difficulties for implementing takeback. The major challenges identified through discussion or questionnaire survey are as follows:
 - **Absence of importer and/or consignee**
 - **Absence of exporter**
 - **No response from State of export and/or transit**
 - **Lack of finance for takeback**
 - **No legal system or guideline for takeback**
 - **No ESM technology in the country**
 - **Different opinion or interpretation between countries**

Relevant Activities

- The Implementation and Compliance Committee (ICC) of the Basel Convention are now in the process of developing guidance on the take-back provision.
- IMPEL-TFS has also long term experience for enhancing capacity of border control and arrangement of takeback through inter-regional cooperation.
- The guidance of the Basel Convention or experience of other region would be quite beneficial for the competent authorities in Asia.

Presentations in Session 2

- **Invite presentations from various key players involved in national/regional border control**
 - Guidance and manual for effective border control developed by the Basel Convention (*BRS Secretariat*)
 - Border control practice in Asian countries (*Hong Kong SAR and Indonesia*)
 - The border control practice of other enforcement network (*IMPEL-TFS*)

Discussion

- What are the specific measures for implementing and strengthening border control?
- What kind of information would be useful if shared among the competent authorities and customs?
How can the Asian Network contribute to this issue?
- What are good practices and bad practices in arranging takeback?
- What kind of practices or initiatives in other region or by international organizations could be duplicated in Asian Network for strengthening border control?

Expected Goals

Through the discussion, participants are expected to:

- Learn the good practices for strengthening border control carried out by Asian countries and other region.
- Learn practices in Asian countries, other region or international organization for facilitating takeback.

Thank you !