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Cases of takeback in Singapore

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Discussion Topics



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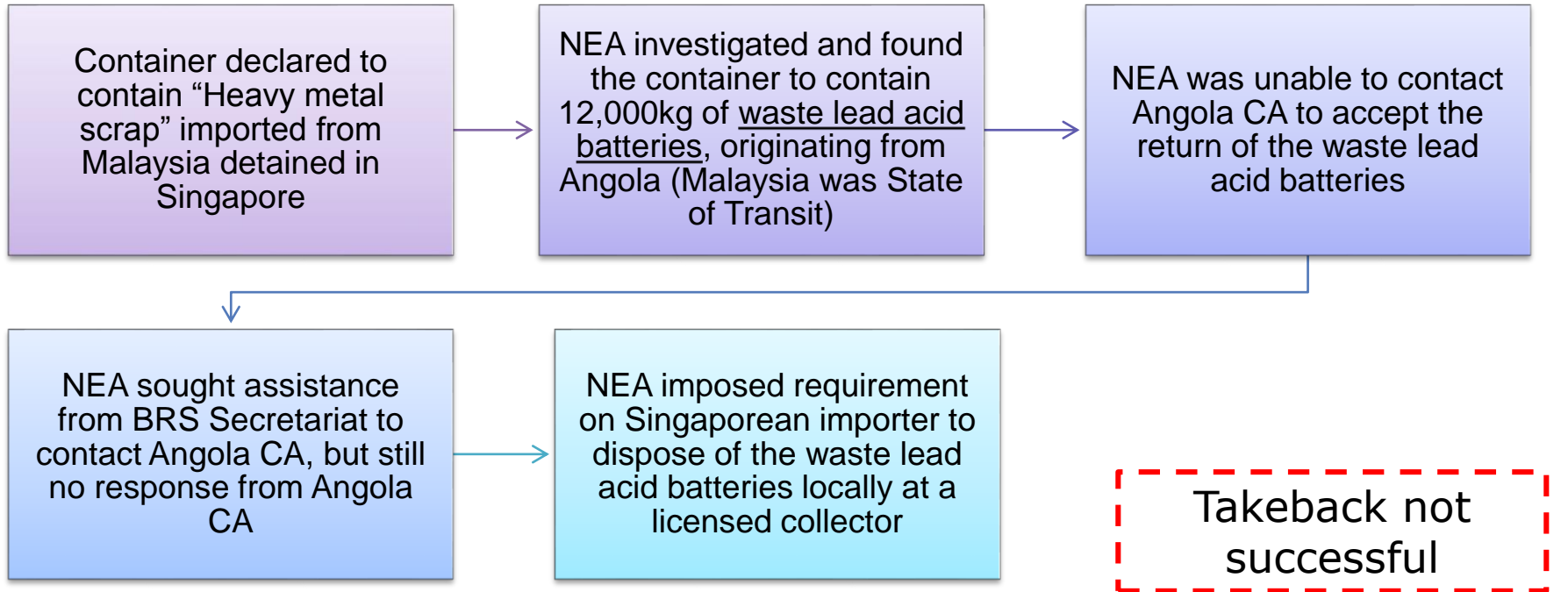
Challenges in implementing takeback procedures



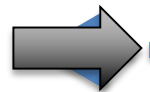
Guidance on implementation of Basel Convention
illegal traffic takeback provision

Case of takeback in Singapore #1

Waste lead acid batteries (2010)



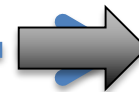
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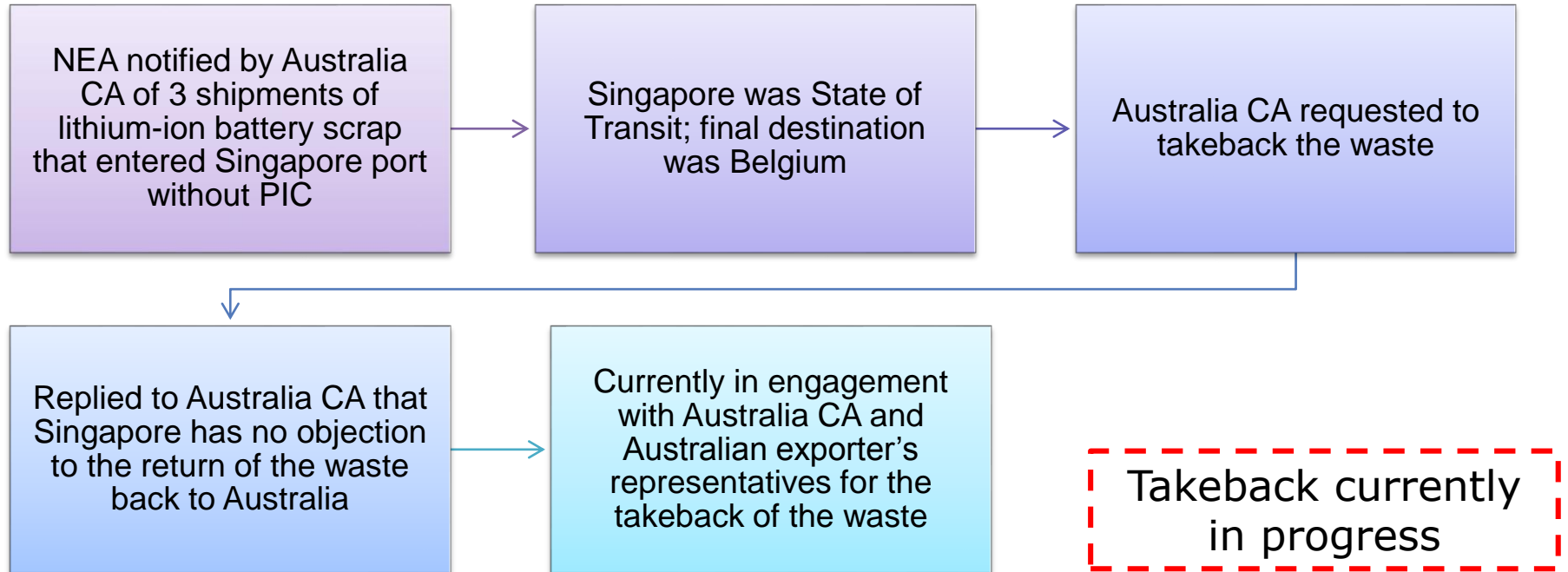


Singapore

Disposed in
Singapore

Case of takeback in Singapore #2

Lithium-ion battery scrap (2016)



Learning points

A successful takeback would be possible under the following circumstances:

Effective communication and close cooperation between Competent Authorities of the States involved

Clear and effective framework for the takeback procedures established by the States involved

Implementation challenges



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Lack of communication or cooperation with Competent Authorities

- Difficulty in establishing contact with Competent Authorities of States involved

Possible countermeasures to overcome challenges



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- National definitions of “hazardous wastes” that are additional to Basel Convention should be lodged to Basel Secretariat under Article 3 of the Convention
- Should be clear and transparent to all Parties
- Can be legally implemented by all country Parties

Possible countermeasures to overcome challenges

- Seek assistance from BRS Secretariat and/or BCRCs to establish contact with Competent Authorities of the States involved, e.g. State of origin of hazardous waste.



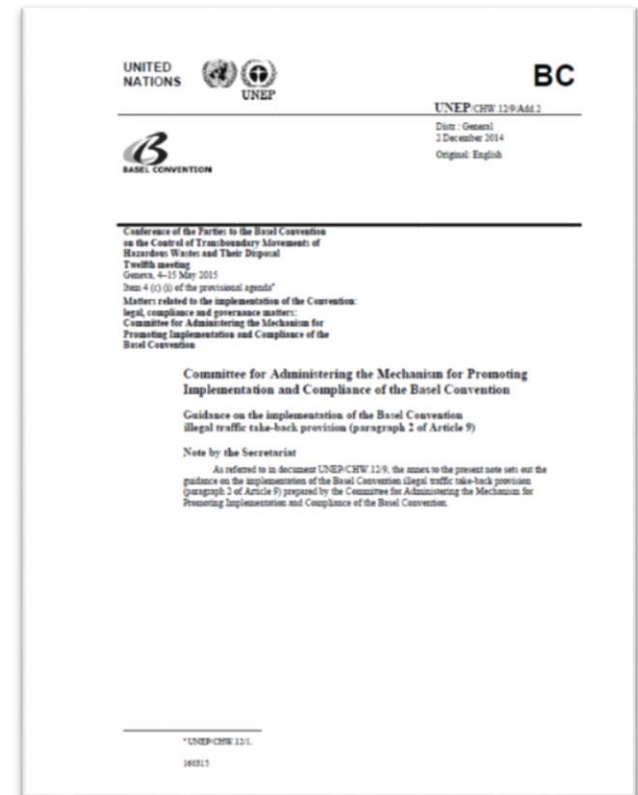
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Guidance on implementation of takeback provision

Guidance on the implementation of the Basel Convention illegal traffic take-back provision (paragraph 2 of Article 9)

- Guidance document prepared by ICC
- At COP-12 of Basel Convention, Parties did not adopt the draft guidance, but mandated ICC to undertake further work on the matter
- May wish to take guidance from this document
In establishing a harmonised framework for implementation of takeback procedures among Asian Network participants



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