

Workshop 2016 of the Asian Network Experience sharing of takeback cases

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Agenda

- Case 1

Return shipment of waste batteries

- Case 2

Return shipment of waste flat panel displays

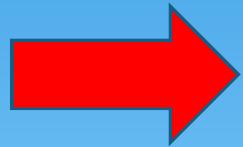
Case 1

Details:

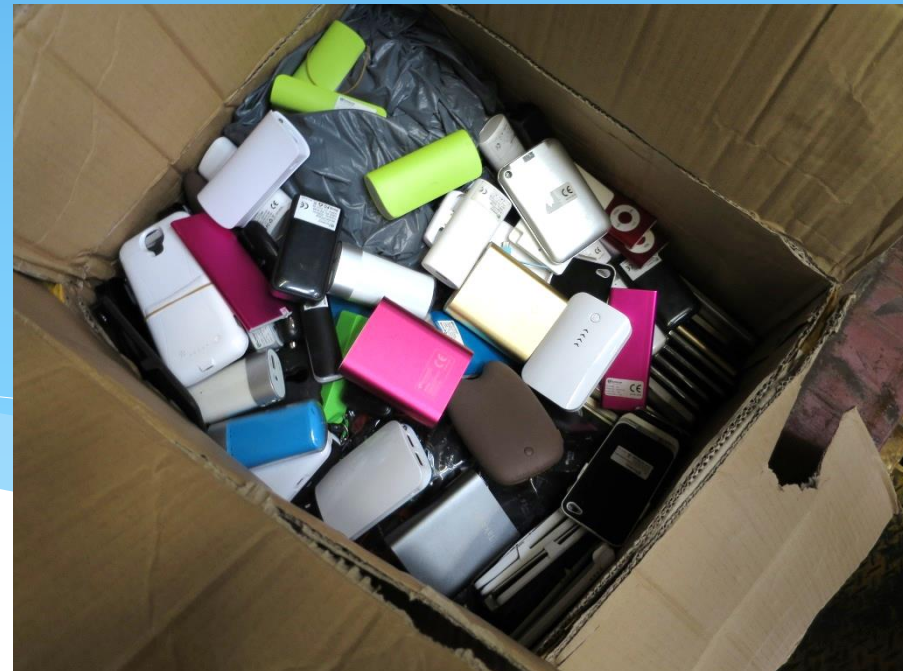
Year	2015
Place of Export	Turkey
Place of Import	Hong Kong
Mode of transport	By sea
Waste type	Mobile phone batteries and power packs
Waste quantity	2,000kg

Case 1

Goods description on Bill of Lading : Power Supply



Waste found : Waste batteries and power packs



Case 1

Events:

Date of loading : 12 July 2015

Detention notice by Hong Kong Customs : 07 August 2015

Date of import into Hong Kong : 10 August 2015

Date of inspection by Hong Kong Customs & EPD : 14 August 2015

Date of return shipment : 21 August 2015

Date of arrival at country of origin : 17 September 2015

Case 1

Enforcement Actions:

1. Hong Kong EPD

Prosecution against the importer

Court hearing date : 08 March 2016

Result : Pled guilty

Fine : HK\$29,000 (About US\$3,700)

2. Ministry of Environment and Urbanization, Turkey

a. The returned waste was disposed of under control

b. Penalty imposed on the exporter

Case 2

Details:

Year	2015
Place of Export	A country in Europe
Place of Import	Hong Kong
Mode of transport	By sea
Waste type	Flat panel displays and batteries
Waste quantity	About 400 pieces of flat panel displays About 1,000 pieces of notebook computers with flat panel displays 60 pieces of notebook computer batteries

Case 2

Goods description on Cargo Manifest : I.T. Equipment



Waste found :

Flat panel displays and
batteries



Case 2



Case 2

Events:

Date of loading : 16 July 2015

Date of import into Hong Kong : 04 September 2015

Detention notice by Hong Kong Customs : 07 September 2015

Date of inspection by Hong Kong Customs & EPD : 18 September 2015

Date of return shipment : 25 September 2015

Date of arrival at country of origin : 30 October 2015

Case 2

Enforcement Actions:

1. Hong Kong EPD

Prosecution against the importer

Court hearing date : 29 March 2016

Result : Pleaded Guilty

Fine : HK\$25,000 (About US\$3,200)

2. Environment Agency of the export country

a. Not classified as waste export

b. No action was taken against the exporter

Difficulties encountered

Different waste classifications in different countries

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Factor of Success

Import/Export ends' parallel enforcement actions against the importers/exporters

Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes can only be achieved by the utmost effort of all parties concerned both locally and internationally

- **Source interception**
- **Intelligence sharing between Competent Authorities**
- **Joint operations to tackle transboundary movement**





Thank you