

**Small Group Brainstorming Meeting on the Implementation of
takeback procedures in Asia
5 September 2016, Semarang, Indonesia**

Concept Note

1. Background information

Importance of implementation of takeback (or ship-back) has been recognized and repeatedly discussed in the past workshops. The workshop 2015, which was held in Singapore, had intensive discussions regarding common difficulties on implementation of takeback procedures that countries in the region had faced. Through the discussions, the Network agreed to continue this discussion at the next Asian Network Workshop with a view to develop a framework under the Asian Network to harmonize the procedure of takeback of illegal shipments of hazardous waste as described in the Co-chairs' summary of the Workshop 2015. The summary also noted that inputs and advice on good practices and successful prosecution cases from relevant experts and resource persons would be useful in the process of the building of the framework.

2. Objectives of the small group brainstorming meeting

Taking into account the discussions of the past Asian Network Workshops and information collected through questionnaire survey conducted in 2015 and 2016, the small group meeting is to be held on a voluntary basis with the objectives to do the following items:

- To share a clear understanding of common difficulties for the implantation of takeback procedures in Asia
- To understand the lessons learnt and good practices from the actual takeback cases
- To identify key elements necessary for successful implementation of takeback procedures
- To exchange views on necessary measures to address takeback issues
- To develop a draft road map (or work plan) for the development of a framework under the Asian Network to harmonize takeback procedures

3. Outline of the meeting

Date	September 5 th , 2016 (Mon)
Venue	Meeting Room 1, Level 7, Crowne Plaza Semarang
Participants	(1) Countries (or regions) which have encountered or concerned about takeback issues (selected from the discussion of the past Asian Network workshop and questionnaire survey) <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Hong Kong SAR, China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam (2) Resource Persons <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ BRS Secretariat, IDE-JETRO

	(3) Secretariat ✓ BCRC-SEA, EX Research Institute
Facilitator	Ms. Juliette Natacha Voinov Kohler, Legal Officer, Conventions Operation Branch, Secretariat of the Basel Convention, UNEP

4. Meeting programme

Time	Topic	Speaker
13:30-14:00	Registration	
14:00-14:15	Introduction of participants	
14:15-14:40	Outcomes of the questionnaire study and objectives of the small group meeting	Secretariat
14:40-16:45	Discussion	
16:45-17:00	Wrap-up and closing	

5. Discussion of the 1st small group meeting

- What are common difficulties for the implementation of takeback procedures?
- What are elements necessary for successful implementation of the takeback procedures?
- What are necessary actions to address takeback issues?
- What are possible activities way forward under the Asian Network to harmonize takeback produces in Asia?
- What the Secretariat of the Asian Network could do until the next workshop for facilitating the proper implementation of the takeback in each country or region?