

#### UPDATES OF NATIONAL REGULATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BASEL CONVENTION IN CAMBODIA

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# **Basel Convention in Cambodia**

- Ratified the Basel Convention on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2001
  - Competent Authourity: General Directorate of Environmental Protection, Ministry of Environment
  - National Focal Point: Department of Hazardous
    Substance Management
  - Supporting Agencies : General Directorate of Custom and Excise, Ministry of Economy and Finance

#### Policy for the Control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste

Ban on the import of hazardous wastes for recycle and final disposal

The control and restrictions on import, transit and export of hazardous wastes is regulated by national regulations Law and Regulations for control exports and imports of hazardous wastes

- Law on environmental protection and natural resource management (1993)
- Sub-decree No. 36 on solid waste management (1999)
  - No restrictions on export of hazardous wastes for final disposal but must comply with Basel Conventon
  - Imports of hazardous wastes into the country is strictly prohibited

Regulations for control exports and imports of hazardous wastes ( con't)

Sub-decree No.16 on E-Waste Management (2016)

 Some used electronic and electrics equipment is classified as banned goods

Exports and imports of this goods is restricted

Regulations for control exports and imports of hazardous wastes (con't)

Sub-decree No.209 on Enforcement of the list prohibited and restricted goods (2007)

 Sub-decree No. 208 on the amendament of note II of annnex 2 of the list prohibited and restricted goods (2011)

### Activities in Implementing the Basel Convention

- Drafting Code of Environment: hazardous wastes is addressed
- Finalizing guideline on E-waste management
- Organizing national workshop on strengthening the enforcement of regulations relating hazardous wastes
- Drafting notification for E-waste sub-decree enforcement at sub-national level
- Developing inventory of hazardous wastes

## Challenges

- E-waste smuggling from neighboring countries
- Lack of law enforcement officers at borders
- Lack of skill officers in management of hazardous wastes
- Lack of information and data of hazardous wastes
- Lack of capacity for equality check of imported UEEE
- Limited knowledge of public on hazardous wastes

#### Thank you for your attention!