

Implementation of the Basel Convention in Vietnam

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Changing of Competent Authority/Focal Point

Before

Vietnam Environment Protection Agency
(VEPA)

Pollution Control Division



Present

Vietnam Environment Administration
(VEA)

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Updates on newly rules and regulations/legislation under discussion

- Interministerial circular 02/2007/TTLT-BCT-BTNMT on requirements of the imported scraps
- Standard for hazardous waste thresholds (TCVN 7629:2007)
- Technical regulation on hazardous waste thresholds (drafting)
- Standard for imported scraps (drafting)

Hazardous Waste (HW) Import Statistics

- HW importation is prohibited under the Environment Protection Law (2005)
- Exchange of information with some BC focal point (Hong Kong, China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Germany, Netherlands, ...) to have the notification and inform illegal HW transboundary movements

HW Export Statistics

- Shipment of used acid solvent to Singapore
- Exchange of information with some BC focal point (Canada, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore...) to have the notification and inform illegal HW transboundary movements

Illegal import and export cases

Steel scraps mixed with hazardous wastes (27th August, 2008)

- About 18 containers of Thanh Loi Steel Joint-Stock Company. Hazardous scraps disposed in incinerator.
- PCB used transformer for power plant (January, 2008)
 - Inspecting one of used transformers contained PCB (over 50 ppm). It was re-exported to Korea.

Illegal import and export cases

- Smuggling strategies:
 - Fake permits
 - Wrong shipment
 - Fake declaration to customs







Other activities

- Set-up of permitting system for hazardous waste collection, transport and disposal
- Granting permit for hazardous waste collector, transporter and disposer
- Development of e-manifest system for hazardous wastes
- Exchange of information among customs, industry, environment and trade authorities
- Inspection mission to ports and provinces

Challenges and difficulties

- Lack of comprehensive legal, institutional system for controlling
- Lack of guidelines, standards to identify difference categories of wastes
- Incompetence of custom officers to quickly identify hazardous waste
- Lack of human resource and capacity to control in-land border
- Incapacity to treat and dispose hazardous waste safely

An aerial photograph of a mountainous landscape in Vietnam, showing extensive terraced rice fields. The terraces are carved into the steep slopes, creating a series of golden-yellow, curved steps that contrast with the surrounding green forest. The perspective is from a high angle, looking down the length of the mountain. The sky is a pale blue, and the overall scene is one of traditional agricultural land use in a mountainous region.

Thank you for your attention!

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