

Questionnaire for Asian Network Workshop 2018

Objectives of the Workshop 2018:

- ✓ Sharing the latest information on policies, rules, regulations, and trends in the TBM of hazardous wastes, with a special focus on plastic wastes.
- ✓ Sharing recent global trend of the TBM, including impacts of the recent China's new regulation on import of recyclable wastes such plastic wastes.
- ✓ Sharing technologies, policies or practices to ensure the ESM and discuss possible regional approaches to further promote the ESM in the region.

Purpose of the Questionnaire

The information provided by countries¹ is an important input to facilitate discussions at the workshop. Therefore, the Secretariat kindly requests all participants to fill out a questionnaire form and send it back prior to the workshop. The Secretariat will report results of the questionnaire at the workshop.

Please be noted that all country representatives are requested to deliver a presentation on their answers to the questionnaire in Session 1. Some selected country representatives will also be requested to deliver a presentation on their answers to the questionnaire in Session 2 and 3 as well. We would be grateful if you could kindly prepare a presentation based on your answers to this questionnaire.

Submission:

Please fill out and send this questionnaire at your earliest convenience and no later than **24th October 2017** to the Secretariat. Contact information is as follows;

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If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the Secretariat.

¹ This questionnaire uses the term "countries" since it is expected that most of respondents are competent authorities or focal points of Parties to the Basel Convention. If you are not country representative, please fill out the information on your region, special administrative region, or country where you are located.

1. Updates on National Laws/Regulations relevant to the implementation of the Basel Convention (Session 1)

Have your country updated any national laws/regulations relevant to the implementation of the Basel Convention (e.g. establishment of new policies, laws/regulations, development of guidelines, and/or amendment of existing legal systems) since the last Asian Network Workshop in 2017? If so, please fill out the detail and kindly send soft copies of those relevant laws/regulations to the Secretariat. (English documents are preferable, however it would still be helpful for us even in the original language.)

New or amended laws/regulations

Name of the new law/regulation	Contents	Enforcement date (dd/mm/yy)

Moreover, please check “Law and Regulation” and “Import Control on Secondhand” in the Asian Network website below and let us know if you have any amendments or additions to them.

➤ Law and Regulation

http://www.env.go.jp/en/recycle/asian_net/Country_Information/Law_and_Regulation.html

➤ Import control on secondhand

http://www.env.go.jp/en/recycle/asian_net/Country_Information/Import_ctrl_on_2ndhand.html

2. TBM and ESM of plastic wastes (Session 1 and 3)

At the Session 1, we will focus on plastic wastes. Recent global trend of TBM of recyclable waste will also be discussed at the Session 3. Please be noted that you can find detail information of each Session including background and discussion points in the “Issue Paper”.

Q1: The import/export and control regulations policies

Please provide the following information.

(1) Amount of import of waste plastics for the last **five** years

Year	Quantity (in metric tons)	Major country of origin
2013		
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		

(2) Amount of export of waste plastics for the last **five** years

Year	Quantity (in metric tons)	Major country of destination
2013		
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		

(3) Is there any problem happening on the ground in your country due to a huge increase in import or decrease in export of plastic wastes? If yes, please describe the detail.

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(4) Does your country develop or plan to develop a regulation for import/export control of plastic wastes? If yes, please describe your new/planned policy.

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(5) Are there any other wastes that caused a huge increase in import or decrease in export in the last couple of years? (e.g., waste paper, metal scrap, etc.) Is there any problem happening on the ground in your country due to excess supply of those wastes?

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Q2: Current status of recycling and treatment of plastic waste in your country

- (1) Is there any report in your country that the investment in the development of recycling or pre-treatment facility has increased in the last couple of years? If yes, please describe the recent situation.

- (2) Does your country develop or plan to develop a new policy for promoting the domestic collection and recycling of plastic wastes? If yes, please describe your new/planned policy.

Q3: Marine plastic litter and microplastic

- (1) Recently marine plastic litters and microplastics have become global agenda. Are there any confirmed problems caused by plastic pollution in your territorial sea? If yes, please describe the detail.

- (2) Does your country conduct any activities to tackle with this problem (e.g., develop new regulation on use/consumption of plastic, ban or charge for plastic bag, create incentive for the design for environment (DfE), or conduct marine monitoring, etc.). If yes, please describe activities in your country.

- (3) Do you have any suggestion or opinion what the Asian Network can contribute to this problem within the scope of the Basel Convention? Please describe your opinion.

3. Asian Network Website

The Asian Network Website (https://www.env.go.jp/en/recycle/asian_net/) provides information such as:

- ✓ Country Report (definition of hazardous waste in each country, reporting under the Article 3 and 4, general information such as competent authority)
- ✓ Trade statistics
- ✓ Legal frameworks of TBM control in each country
- ✓ Regulations for import/export of second-hand products
- ✓ Handout of the annual workshops in the past
- ✓ Outcomes of questionnaire and study reports developed by secretariat

We would like to revise the web site based on your needs. If you have any ideas to improve the website, please provide us with any comments or recommendation (Free answer)

Thank you for your cooperation in answering the questionnaire. We would appreciate the information you have shared with us.