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BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM'S RESPONSE TO THE BASEL CONVENTION PLASTIC WASTE AMENDMENTS

**2022 Workshop of Asian Network for Prevention of
Illegal Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes**

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I. NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BASEL CONVENTION



Brunei and the Basel Convention



Accession

16 December 2002

National Focal Point

Department of
Environment, Parks and
Recreation (DEPR)

Competent Authority

Department of
Environment Parks and
Recreation (DEPR)



Legal Requirement

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Hazardous Waste (Control Of Export, Import And Transit) Order, 2013

To provide for the regulation of the export, import and transit of hazardous waste and other waste i.e. to implement the obligations of the Basel Convention

Hazardous waste is defined as:

- i. Waste has any of the characteristics mentioned in Annex III to the Basel Convention; or
- ii. Waste that belongs to any category contained in Annex I to the Basel Convention, unless it does not possess any of the characteristics contained in Annex III to the Convention

Other waste is defined as:

- i. Household waste; or
- ii. Residue arising from the incineration of household waste

Note:

In the process of being amended

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Customs Order, 2006



Export/Import Procedures

Exportation of hazardous wastes is as per the **Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Procedure**

Exporter applies for Basel Permit

CA commences PIC with Sol (and SoT)

Sol (and SoT) issues consent(s)

CA issues Basel Permit to Exporter

Exporter obtains Customs Export Declaration

Exportation commences

Importation of hazardous wastes is **PROHIBITED**



2. BRUNEI'S RESPONSE TO THE BC PLASTIC WASTE AMENDMENTS



Control of Plastic Waste TBM



Exportation of plastic wastes is in accordance with the Basel Convention requirements and the importing countries' national legislations and requirements

Importation of all types of plastic waste is **not allowed**



On-going and Future Efforts



Amending existing legislations

DEPR is in the process of finalizing the amendment to the Hazardous Waste (Control of Export, Import and Transit) Order, 2013:

- to include the requirements of the Basel Convention plastic waste amendments



Establishing communication with relevant agencies

DEPR is working closely with the Royal Customs and Excise Department (RCED):

- Notification of the Plastic Waste Amendments
- Revising the SOP for plastic waste exportation
- Joint inspection



Developing guidelines on the TBM of plastic wastes

To strengthen the domestic implementation of the BC plastic waste amendments, DEPR is in the initial stage of developing technical guidelines on the export/import of plastic wastes.



Raising awareness among traders

Efforts to raise awareness among recyclers, exporters and forwarders and make them well informed include:

- Organising information sharing and Q&A sessions
- Making information related to plastic waste amendments and export/import procedures available on website and other media platforms.



Understanding of BC Plastic Terminology

Challenges

- Difficulty to interpret the terminology of the Annexes
- Identification of controlled/regulated plastic waste by relevant implementing agencies

Solutions

- By benchmarking and making comparison of other countries' interpretation and/or guidelines on the terminology, and available international guidelines on quality standards for plastic recycling.
- To conduct a workshop so as to provide other relevant implementing agencies such as Custom's Department an understanding of the different types of controlled/regulated waste plastic



Understanding of BC Plastic Terminology

Brunei Darussalam is of the understanding that...

almost free from contamination and other types of wastes

100% free from any contamination such as drink, dirt, stones, food waste, oil, etc.



almost exclusively consisting of.....

100% homogenous (single type of plastic)



destined for recycling in an environmentally sound manner

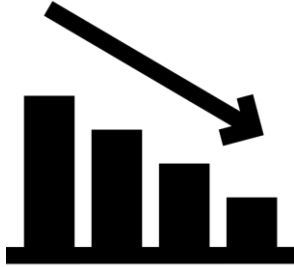
Recycling activities to be carried out by authorized facilities in the country of destination (proof of certificate/authorization issued by the relevant authority)





Current Status of Plastic waste Import and Export

Brunei Darussalam has not received nor sent out any notification for import or export of plastic waste since the amendments came into force.



Have not received request for export of plastic waste by companies.



Quarterly report of recycling companies registered under the Department on their plastic waste.



2. BRUNEI'S RESPONSE TO THE BC E-WASTE AMENDMENTS



Planned Efforts for E-Waste Amendments



Stakeholder Engagement/Consultation

DEPR will organize an inter-agency consultation among the relevant authorities to provide an overview of the E-waste amendments and discuss any actions to be taken and identify potential challenges and gaps in implementing them.



Amending existing legislations

DEPR plan to make amendments to the Hazardous Waste (Control of Export, Import and Transit) Order, 2013:

- to include the requirements of the Basel Convention E-waste amendments



Developing guidelines on the TBM of E-wastes

To strengthen the domestic implementation of the BC E-waste amendments, DEPR will develop the necessary guidelines on the import and export of E-waste to assist the private sector.



Raising awareness among traders

Efforts to raise awareness among recyclers, exporters and forwarders and make them well informed include:

- Organising information sharing and Q&A sessions
- Making information related to E-waste amendments and export/import procedures available on website and other media platforms.



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