



Session 2: Good practices and challenges for implementing and facilitating the PIC procedure

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Improving the implementation of PIC Procedure under Basel

COP15 of the Basel Convention decided to work to improve the functioning of the PIC procedure. According to the Decision BC-15/3, the COP:

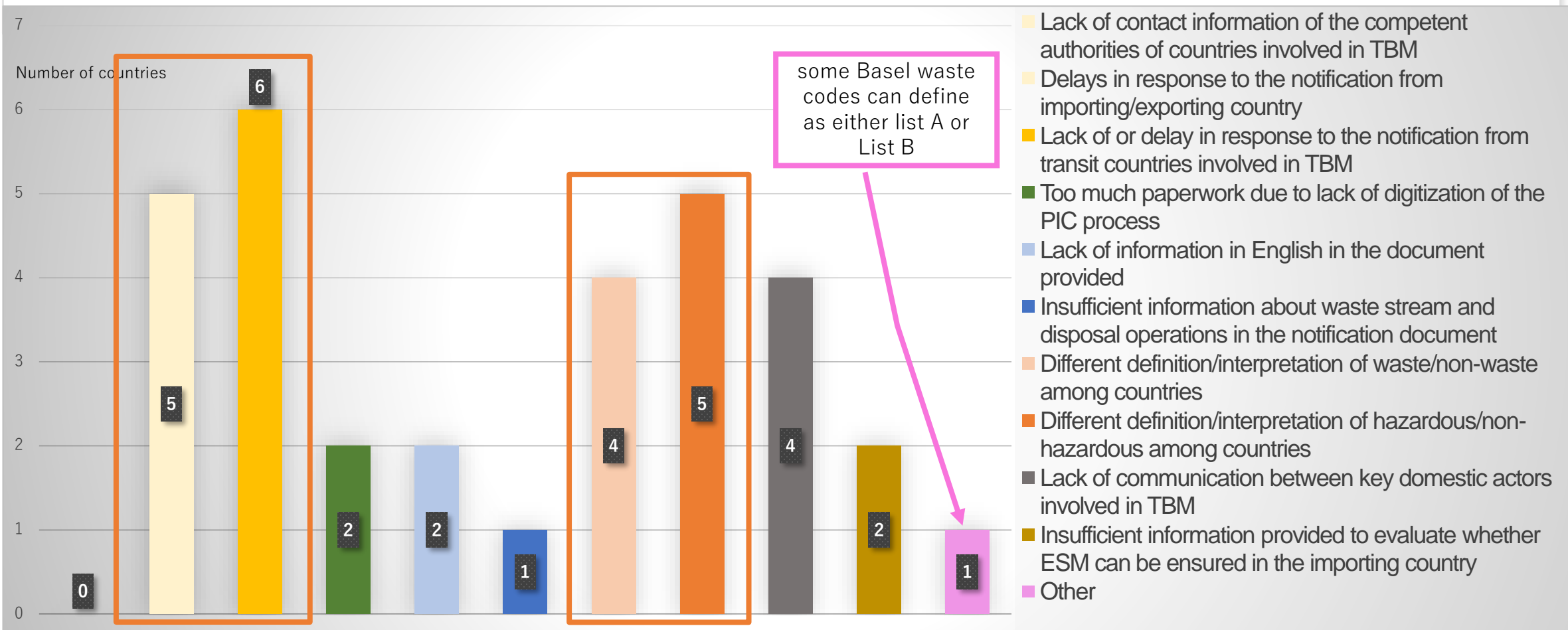
- Notes that the Parties having used the PIC procedure may, over time, have developed **best practices for its use that could benefit other Parties** in their implementation of the procedure (para 10)
- Notes with concern, however, **that challenges in the implementation of the PIC procedure increasingly hinder the TBM of hazardous and other wastes and their ESM**, for exporting, transit and importing Parties, especially for island countries and developing countries (para 11) ;
- Invites Parties and observers to submit to the Secretariat, by 30 November 2022, **information on challenges in the implementation of the PIC procedure and on best practice**, etc. (para 12)

Structure of Session 2

Time (WIB)	Presentation	Presenter
Session 2: Good practices and challenges for implementing and facilitating PIC procedure (Facilitator: Ms. Juliette Kohler, BRS Secretariat)		
09:00-09:15	Scope of the Session	Secretariat (EXRI)
09:15-09:30	Related discussion under the Basel Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic Framework - Electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents - TBM involving transit 	BRS Secretariat
09:30-10:10	Good practices and challenges for implementing PIC (20 min each)	2 countries (Japan, Hong Kong SAR China)
10:10-10:30	Q&A and discussions	
10:30-10:50	Coffee break	
10:50-11:30	Good practices and challenges for implementing PIC (20 min each)	1 country (Thailand) + roundtable
11:30-12:00	Q&A and discussions	

4. Good practices and challenges for implementing and facilitating the PIC procedure

Challenges your country has faced in implementing the PIC procedure (multiple selection allowed)



How challenges to the PIC procedure are being addressed

Following-up

- ✓ via email with importing and transit countries (Brunei)
- ✓ emails to the competent authorities when delay in responses to PIC notifications (Singapore)

Digitalization

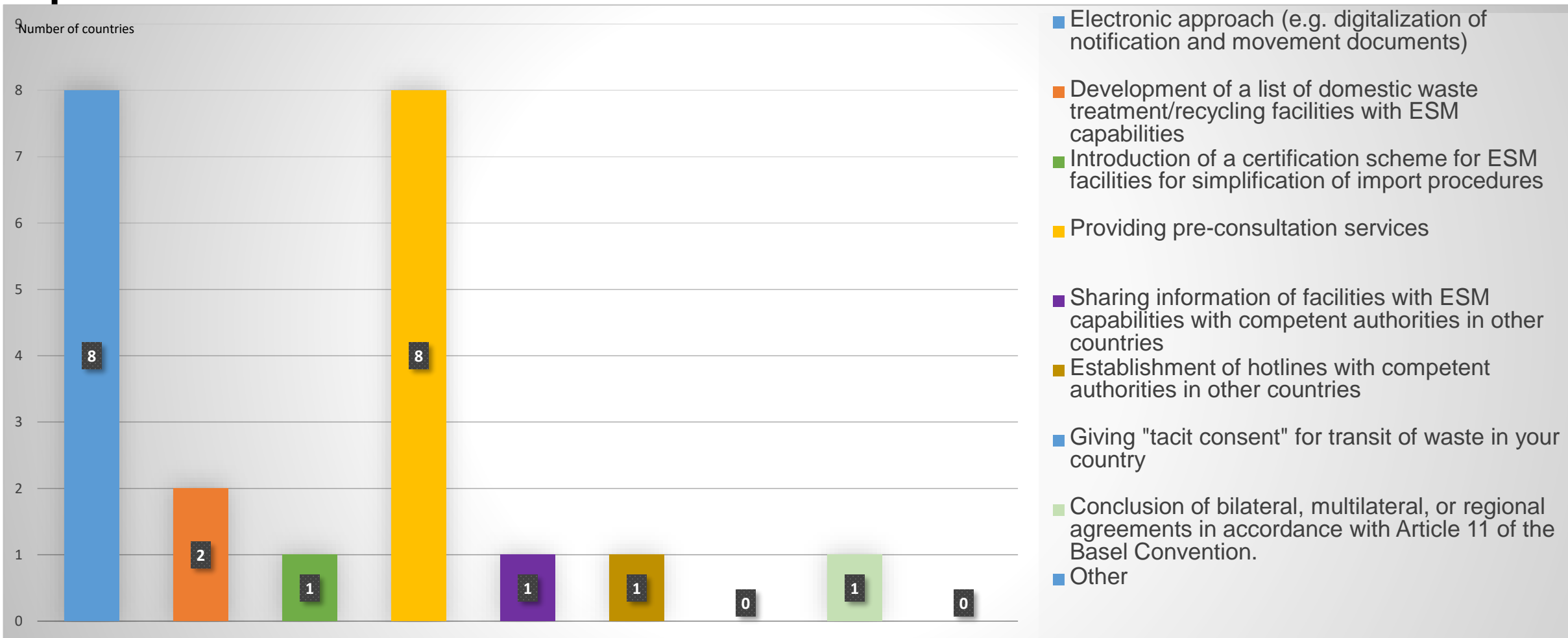
- ✓ digitalization of notification on the PIC procedure system (Lao PDR)

Confirm PIC requirement

- ✓ Clarify definition/interpretation of hazardous/non-hazardous waste in the importing/exporting countries (Singapore)
- ✓ confirm with destination CA in advance whether PIC is needed (e.g. solar cell/panel) (Thailand)

4. Good practices and challenges for implementing and facilitating the PIC procedure

Efforts being implemented in your country to facilitate the PIC procedure (multiple selection allowed)



Topics for information exchange/discussion in relation to the PIC procedure

Brunei	Countries' views on full electronic approach to implement the PIC procedure (i.e. paperless)
Cambodia	Notification of exporting
Japan	What kind of systems or methods are used in other countries for the digitalization of the PIC procedure?
Malaysia	Stringent control on the importation of e-waste in PIC Procedure
Myanmar	Good practices and challenges for implementing and facilitating PIC procedure accordance with the Basel Convention
Singapore	We would like to learn more about other countries' efforts in facilitating and streamlining the PIC procedure.
Vietnam	On the Vietnamese market, there are still used electronic devices that are smuggled despite the ban.

Points of Discussion

Which step in the PIC procedure delays the most? What kinds of struggles are facing in day-to-day operations for Basel implementation officers? What are the major causes of inefficient implementation of PIC procedures and delays in the process?

Challenges

Are those problems and causes common or unique in the region?

Regional aspect

What are effective countermeasures to the problems or approaches to the causes described above? At which level, namely local, national, regional or international levels, can we address them and how?

Countermeasures

How can we cooperate in the Asian network to facilitate the PIC procedure?

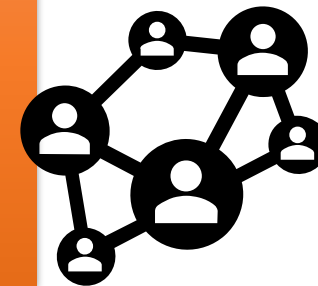
Regional cooperation

Expected Outcome

Barriers for the implementation of the PIC procedure in Asia can be identified.

Good practices of some countries for facilitation of the PIC procedure can be shared.

Possible cooperative activities under the Asian Network can be identified.





Have a good discussion!!