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BRUNEI DARUSSALAM'S RESPONSE TO THE BASEL CONVENTION LATEST AMENDMENTS

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



NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF 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

Subsidiary legislation to further strengthen (in the process of review):

1. *Hazardous Waste (Control of Export, Import and Transit) Regulations, 2023*
2. *Hazardous Waste (Control of Export, Import and Transit) (Composition of Offences) Regulations, 2023.*



Amendments to HWO, 2013

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Amendment of Schedule

DEPR is still 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

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Amendment to Definition

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 to...’ means waste that belongs to any category contained in Annex II to the Basel Convention,”

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Insertion of New Section 47A

Composition of Offences:

The Director or any person authorized in writing in that behalf, may, may compound any offences against this Order or any regulations made thereunder which is prescribed as a compoundable offence by collecting from a person reasonably suspected of having committed the offence a sum of money not exceeding one half of the maximum fine prescribed for that offence

Challenges:

- Review and approval for any legal amendments is time consuming.



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.



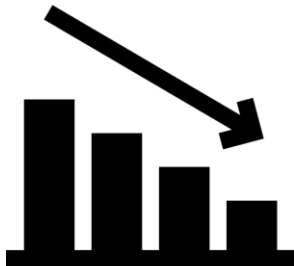
Raising awareness among traders

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.



Current Status of E-waste Import and Export



Have not received request for import of E-waste by companies.

Brunei Darussalam has sent out two notification in 2019 (6 MT) and 2023 (9.7 MT) for export of E-waste so far identified under A1180 of the Basel Annex. There were no application for export of e-waste in 2024.



- Quarterly report of recycling companies registered under the Department on E-waste.
- Low collection and recycling rate of E-waste



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