

Questionnaire for Asian Network Workshop 2019

Objectives of the Workshop 2019:

- ✓ Sharing the latest information on policies, rules, regulations, and trends in the TBM of hazardous wastes, with a special focus on plastic wastes.
- ✓ Sharing experience and challenge of import control of E-waste and implementation of the E-waste guidelines adopted at the Basel COP.
- ✓ Sharing practices of countries in the region to ensure the ESM of plastic waste and E-waste domestically.

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 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 30th October 2019 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)

Is there any update of national laws/regulations relevant to the implementation of the Basel Convention in your country (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 2018? 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 to receive 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. Import control of plastic waste

At the Session 1, we will focus on plastic wastes. Please be noted that you can find detail information of each Session including the background and discussion points in the “Issue Paper”.

Q1: Update of import/export of plastic wastes

- (1) Is there any problem happening on the ground in your country due to a rapid and significant increase of the importation of plastic wastes? If yes, please describe the detail.

- (2) How did /do your Government handle those plastic waste imported into your country? (e.g., recycle, store temporarily, or dispose of in your country, or re-export or take-back to the country of origin or third country, etc.)

Q2. Import regulations of plastic waste

- (1) The Secretariat of Asian Network drafted a summary matrix of import regulation on plastic waste in Asian Network countries (*see Appendix I*), based on information available in presentation materials of the last workshop and response from countries to the questionnaire survey conducted in 2018. Please check the descriptions of your country and revise or update information as appropriate.
- (2) If your country requires importers to obtain license for import of plastic waste, what conditions need to be met? Please check the all applicable boxes.
- Having proper plastic recycling/handling permission from the authority
 - Having enough capacity for recycling/handling of plastic waste
 - Compliant with environmental standards
 - Having proper storage for receiving plastic waste
 - Segregating plastic waste to be homogenous and clean
 - Having the ESM downstream treating channel
 - Specifying the buyers for processed plastic waste
 - Others(Please specify: _____)

(3) Does your country limit/restrict import of plastic waste on an operational basis? (For example, the import restriction is not stipulated in law/regulation, but it is practiced based on administrative decision or requesting voluntary activities). If so, please describe the detail of the practices in your country.

(4) The COP14 of the Minamata Convention adopted the Decision to amend Annexes in relation to plastic waste as follows;

- Y48 (Annex II): plastic waste which is non-hazardous but not suitable for recycling
- A3210 (Annex VIII): hazardous plastic waste
- B3011 (Annex IX): plastic waste which is non-hazardous and suitable for immediate recycling.

Does your country have any plan to develop regulations or guidance to clarify definition or scope of each plastic waste? Please describe your plan in detail.

Q3: Policy for promoting plastic waste recycling

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

3. Import control of E-waste

Q1: Implementation of E-waste guidelines

- (1) Asian Network has exchanged updated national regulation/policy to control import of E-waste and UEEE (used electrical and electronic equipment). The Secretariat drafted a summary matrix of import regulation on UEEE in Asian Network countries (*see Appendix II*), based on information available in presentation materials of the workshops. Please check the descriptions of your country and revise or update information as appropriate.
- (2) E-wastes Guidelines were adopted at the COP14 of the Basel Convention and it is now on the stage to implement it. What are challenges for implementation?

Q2: Policy for promoting E-waste recycling

- (1) Does your country develop or plan to develop a new policy for promoting the domestic collection and recycling of E-waste (e.g., EPR system)? If yes, please describe your new/planned policy.