

# Questionnaire for Asian Network Workshop 2020

## Objectives of the Workshop 2020:

- ✓ Share the latest information on policies, rules, regulations, and trends in the transboundary movements (TBMs) of hazardous wastes, with a special focus on plastic wastes.
- ✓ Share experiences and challenges of countries in relation to the plastic amendment under the Basel Convention which will enter into force on 1 January, 2021.

## Purpose of the Questionnaire

The information provided by countries<sup>1</sup> is an important input to facilitate discussions at the workshop. Therefore, the Secretariat kindly requests all participants to fill out the questionnaire form and send it back prior to the workshop. The Secretariat will report results of the questionnaire at the workshop.

Please note that all country representatives are requested to deliver a presentation on their answers to the questionnaire. 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 **30 October, 2020** to the Secretariat. Contact information is as follows:

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

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<sup>1</sup> This questionnaire uses the term “countries” since it is expected that most respondents are competent authorities or focal points of Parties to the Basel Convention. If you are not a 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

### (1) National Laws/Regulations relevant to the domestic implementation of the Basel Convention

Are there any updates 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 2019? If so, please fill out the details and kindly send electronic copies of those relevant laws/regulations to the Secretariat. (English documents are preferable, however it would still be helpful for us to receive these documents 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](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](http://www.env.go.jp/en/recycle/asian_net/Country_Information/Import_ctrl_on_2ndhand.html)

### (2) Import regulation on UEEE (Used Electronic and Electronic Equipment) and E-waste

The Asian Network Secretariat drafted a summary matrix of import regulations on UEEE and E-waste in Asian Network countries (*see Appendix I*), based on information available in presentation materials of the last workshop and responses from countries to the questionnaire survey conducted in 2018 and 2019.

Please check the descriptions of your country and revise or update the information as appropriate.

### (3) Import regulation on plastic waste

The Asian Network Secretariat drafted a summary matrix of import regulations on plastic waste in Asian Network countries (*see Appendix II*), based on information available in presentation materials of the last workshop and responses from countries to the questionnaire survey conducted in 2018 and 2019. Please check the descriptions of your country and revise or update the information as appropriate.

## 2. Responses to the amendments of the Basel Convention Annexes regarding plastic waste

At the Basel Convention 14<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties (COP14) that was held on 29 April – 10 May 2019, Parties decided to adopt the following amendments to the Annexes, regarding plastic wastes.

- Y48 (Annex II): non-hazardous plastic waste but needs special consideration
- A3210 (Annex VIII): hazardous plastic waste
- B3011 (Annex IX): non-hazardous and suitable for immediate recycling.

These amendments are scheduled to enter into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

(1) In order to clarify the definitions and scope for the entry into force of the plastic amendments listed above, please tell us about the status of your country's response.

- Already completed (e.g., introduced laws/regulations, standard, guidance)
- Ongoing (under consideration)
- Not initiated
- No response needed (sufficient with existing laws/regulations)
- Other ( )

Please explain in as much detail as possible, the current situation of your country in response to the plastic amendments.

(2) For those who answered "Already completed" at the question (1) above: what kind of response did you carry out in order to domestically implement the plastic amendments?

- Established new laws and regulations
- Amended existing laws and regulations
- Established standards/thresholds and/or guidelines related to the plastic amendment
- Other ( )

\* If possible, please send the texts of these laws and regulations to the Secretariat.

(3) What are the challenges your country faces to implement the plastic amendment domestically? (Multiple selections allowed)

- Difficult to interpret the terminology of the Annexes
- Difficult to coordinate domestically with related authorities and/or industry stakeholders for the amendment and/or implementation of laws and regulations
- Difficult to enforce by the Competent Authorities to the Basel Convention
- Difficult to distinguish controlled/regulated waste plastic by relevant implementation agencies, such as Customs Department
- Other ( )

(4) Please tell us how your country interprets the following terms in Annex II (Y48) and Annex IX (B3011), and specifically how to distinguish plastic waste regulated under the Basel Convention.

**(a) almost free from contamination and other types of wastes**

**(b) almost exclusively consisting of.....**

**(c) destined for recycling in an environmentally sound manner**

(5) Will your country also regulate/control imported plastic wastes that leave State of Origin in 2020 and will arrive at your country after January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021?

- Will regulate/control
- Will only regulate/control plastic wastes that leave the export country after January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021
- Undecided/Not clearly defined

(6) Please select whether the following pictures of non-hazardous plastic wastes fall into the category of Y48 or B3011 in your country (it does not have to be official position of your country. Your personal opinion/view is appreciated)

**a) Case of PET**



	
<input type="checkbox"/> Y48 <input type="checkbox"/> B3011 <input type="checkbox"/> case-by-case	<input type="checkbox"/> Y48 <input type="checkbox"/> B3011 <input type="checkbox"/> case-by-case

	
<input type="checkbox"/> Y48 <input type="checkbox"/> B3011 <input type="checkbox"/> case-by-case	

**b) Plastic wastes that were generated from the process other than product manufacturing**

	
<input type="checkbox"/> Y48 <input type="checkbox"/> B3011 <input type="checkbox"/> case-by-case	<input type="checkbox"/> Y48 <input type="checkbox"/> B3011 <input type="checkbox"/> case-by-case
	
<input type="checkbox"/> Y48 <input type="checkbox"/> B3011 <input type="checkbox"/> case-by-case	<input type="checkbox"/> Y48 <input type="checkbox"/> B3011 <input type="checkbox"/> case-by-case

**c) Plastics derived from used electrical and electronic equipment or E-waste**

	
<input type="checkbox"/> Y48 <input type="checkbox"/> B3011 <input type="checkbox"/> case-by-case	<input type="checkbox"/> Y48 <input type="checkbox"/> B3011 <input type="checkbox"/> case-by-case

	
<input type="checkbox"/> Y48 <input type="checkbox"/> B3011 <input type="checkbox"/> case-by-case	<input type="checkbox"/> Y48 <input type="checkbox"/> B3011 <input type="checkbox"/> case-by-case

**d) Other cases**

 <p>(Pre-consumer plastic that can be used as raw material)</p>	 <p>(Non-visible contents of compressed pre-consumer plastic that can be used as raw material)</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Y48 <input type="checkbox"/> B3011 <input type="checkbox"/> case-by-case	<input type="checkbox"/> Y48 <input type="checkbox"/> B3011 <input type="checkbox"/> case-by-case
 <p>(offcut or punchout generated from production process, single type plastic and single color)</p>	 <p>PVC cable (shredded)</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Y48 <input type="checkbox"/> B3011 <input type="checkbox"/> case-by-case	<input type="checkbox"/> Y48 <input type="checkbox"/> cable code (A1190 or B1115) <input type="checkbox"/> case-by-case

 <p>Clean plastic waste coated by dirty packaging</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Y48    <input type="checkbox"/> B3011    <input type="checkbox"/> case-by-case</p>	 <p>Plastic blending different type of polymers, so-called “polymer-alloy”, (e.g., PC/ABC) *Can it be considered single type of polymer?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Y48    <input type="checkbox"/> B3011    <input type="checkbox"/> case-by-case</p>
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e) In relation to the question from a) to d) above, do you have any criteria other than those can be identified by visual inspection for distinguishing Y48 from B3011? (e.g., information on the sources of plastic wastes, odor, etc.).

(7) Please tell us if your country has (or plan to do) specific actions to effectively implement the plastic amendment which will entry into force on 1 January 2021.

- Raise awareness of importers and exporters (specify actions below)
  - Making information related to plastic amendment available on website
  - Disseminating information through seminars or other means
  - Other ( )
- Sharing information with related implementing agencies such as customs (specify actions below)
  - Establishing a domestic communication council/meeting
  - Creating an inspection manual
  - Sharing intelligence on risk profiles
  - Creating plans for joint inspection/inspection strengthening month or others
  - Other (1. having regular meetings/discussions with Customs; 2. Revising SOP on import/export of plastic waste)
- Other ( )

(8) Please write freely if you have items you would like to discuss at the Asian Network Workshop, or items you would like to further exchange information on through the network.

*Thank you for your cooperation!!*