

Introduction of the Session 1 & Summary of the Questionnaire

Session 1: Country Update of Regulations and Implementation Status of the Basel Convention: with a Focus on the Control of TBM of plastic wastes

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Background (1)

- The Session 1 of the Asian network workshop every year focuses on the information exchange on the latest policies on the implementation of the Basel Convention in each country.
- The workshop 2018 focused on plastic wastes (including marine plastic litters and microplastics) and discussed following subjects:
 - Trend of import/export of plastic wastes
 - Status of the recycling facility development and challenges
 - Regulations and policies for the trade control and/or promotion of plastic waste recycling
 - Problems of marine plastic litters and microplastics that have already been faced with
 - Efforts made by countries to address the problem of plastic wastes

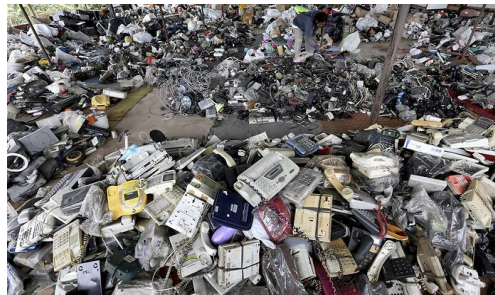


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<http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2017/01/15/mountains-electronic-waste-asia-danger-health-un-study>



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<https://www.bioenergyconsult.com/recycling-lead-acid-batteries/>

Background (2)

- In July 2017, China has announced to control import of recyclable wastes including plastics waste, significantly shaping the trend of import/export of recyclable wastes, especially plastic wastes.
 - PIC will be required for the trade of mixed, unrecyclable and contaminated plastic wastes after January 2021 as decided by the COP14 of the Basel Convention .
 - The COP14 also agreed to update the technical guidelines on the ESM of plastic waste and to establish partnership on plastic waste.
 - China's export ban and the recent amendment of the Basel Convention will have a significant implication on the collection and recycling of plastic wastes globally.
- It is timely to discuss how to address these issues and how the Asian Network can contribute to.



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<http://enb.iisd.org/chemical/cops/2019/>



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<https://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2015/01/15/0109-oceans-plastic-sea-trash-science-marine-debris/>

Scope of the Session 1

- Session 1 aims to exchange updated information of national policies and implementation status of the Basel Convention, **with a focus on the control of TBM of plastic wastes** and facilitate the information exchange such as:
 - Recent trend of import/export of plastic wastes;
 - Status of recycling facility development and challenges;
 - Laws/regulations and policies for the control of transboundary movement of plastic wastes and for the promotion of plastic waste recycling;
 - Current measures to regulate those plastic wastes subject to control under the Basel Convention from January 2021; and
 - Practical information to be included in updating the technical guidelines on ESM of plastic wastes.

Overview of the Questionnaire survey

- Questionnaire survey was conducted prior to the workshop, and 10 countries and 1 region responded it.
- Questionnaire survey consists of three components, corresponding to each session of the Workshop 2019;
 - ✓ Updates on National Laws/Regulations relevant to the implementation of the Basel Convention
 - ✓ Import control of plastic waste
 - ✓ Import control of E-waste

Please see **“Summary of Questionnaire” (EXCEL file) saved at google drive** for more comprehensive and detail information!

Summary of the Questionnaire (1)

Updates on National Laws/Regulations relevant to the implementation of the Basel Convention

- One country is currently reviewing national regulations to include the new obligation on the transboundary movement of plastic wastes in response to the COP14 decision.
- Some laws /regulations were updated on;
 - ✓ Management of waste and scrap,
 - ✓ Import of non-hazardous wastes,
 - ✓ UEEE items to be newly restricted, and
 - ✓ The control of existing industries that use plastic waste as raw material and the suspension of the establishment of new industries (for those received the consent of establishment but the construction is not yet begun).
- One country launched the notification to delay the consideration of allowing the import of plastic waste or scrap and E-waste or UEEE.
- Another policy update relevant to the implementation of the Basel Convention includes:
 - National waste management strategy and master plan
 - Procedure on the transboundary movement of hazardous wastes and other wastes
 - Rules on hazardous waste management
 - National implementation plan for POPs

Outline of the Session 1

Structure of the Session

Presenter	Content
The Secretariat of BRS Convention	Overview of relevant decisions adopted at the COP14.
All the countries and Australia & IMPEL	The latest information on the national implementation of the Basel Convention and the import regulation on plastic waste (in particular current measures to regulate those subject to control under the Basel Convention from January 2021).

Expected outcome

- Countries can understand the latest situation and challenges in implementing the Basel Convention, in particular the regulation on the import of plastic wastes.
- The national situation for the implementation of amended annexes of the Basel Convention can be shared.
- Practical information to be included in the technical guidelines on plastic waste can be identified.

Thank you for your attention!

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