

November 27, 2018

Competent Authorities under the Basel Convention

Subject: Prior Notification of Export to Japan for the Waste Printed Circuit Board

Dear Sir/Madam,

First of all, we would like to express our appreciation for your cooperation given to prevent the illegal shipments of hazardous wastes.

In Japan, we enforced amendments to the Law on the Control of Export and Import of Specified Hazardous Waste (Basel Act), which is Japan's domestic law for the Basel Convention, as from October 1, 2018.

As a part of amendments, we reviewed our list of hazardous wastes, and the Waste Printed Circuit Board (PCB) is not categorized as hazardous waste and not under control anymore only when it is imported into Japan under the new Basel Act.

Please be informed that we do not require prior notice for the export of PCB to Japan. In case we receive a notification of export of PCB, we will promptly send a letter of consent to the state of export.

Though import of PCB is not controlled by law, we will try to trace the movement of such waste in Japan by other means. We established a system which ensures the traceability of imported PCB in cooperation with the recyclers in Japan. As to this system, please visit the following website:

<http://www.kogyo-kyokai.gr.jp/article/15987076.html>

In addition, there are a number of excellent recyclers which have advanced technology for E-waste recycling in our country. We are planning to introduce such recyclers at our

website.

If you have any questions concerning our laws and regulations, please do not hesitate to contact us at:
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Sincerely yours,

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