

COMMUNICATION


NOTIFICATION OF IMPORT PROHIBITION OF HAZARDOUS WASTES AND OTHER WASTES PURSUANT TO ARTICLES 4(1) and 13 (2)(c) OF THE BASEL CONVENTION PHILIPPINES

Pursuant to articles 4(1) and 13 (2)(c) of the Basel Convention, the Republic of the Philippines transmitted a communication dated 30 April 2007 to the Secretariat advising of its prohibition of the import into the Philippines of hazardous wastes for disposal purposes.

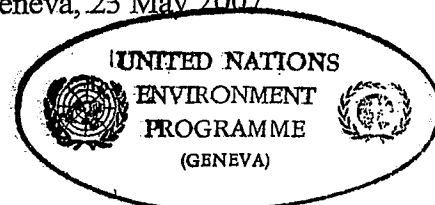
Article 13 (2)(c) of the Basel Convention states that the Parties shall inform each other, through the Secretariat of the decisions made by them not to consent totally or partially to the import of hazardous wastes or other wastes for disposal within the area under their national jurisdiction. Accordingly, the Secretariat transmits the present communication to Parties, advising of the Republic of the Philippines' prohibition of the import into the Philippines of hazardous wastes for disposal purposes.

The prohibition is made under the Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act of 1990 of the Philippines, otherwise known as Republic Act 6969. Permitted imports of recyclable materials into Philippines for resource recovery are limited to scrap metals, solid plastic materials, electronic assemblies and scrap materials, used oil and fly ash.

The full text of the communication, including (1) Department Administrative Order No. 28, Series of 1994 (2) DENR Administrative Order No. 97-28, Series of 1997 (3) DENR Administrative Order No. 27, Series of 2004 and (4) DENR Administrative Order No. 66, Series of 2004 has been placed on the web site of the Basel Convention (<http://www.basel.int/natdef/frsetmain.php>). These documents set forth, inter alia, the procedures to be followed to import recyclable materials into the Philippines. Those Parties wishing to obtain a printed copy of the communication should contact the Secretariat ([nalini.basavaraj@unep.ch](mailto:nalini.basavaraj@unep.ch)).

  
Secretariat of the Basel Convention  
Geneva, 23 May 2007

To Focal Points of Parties to the Basel Convention



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