

(11) Request on focal points and competent authorities

Decision: BC-11/21: Official communications

Background:

Communication with and between the parties on matters relating to the Basel Convention is accomplished through:

- Focal points responsible for receiving and submitting information as provided for in articles 13 and 16 of the Convention, as defined pursuant to article 2 and designated pursuant to article 5;
- Competent authorities designated to be responsible, within such geographical areas as the party may think fit, for receiving notification of a transboundary movement of hazardous wastes or other wastes, and any information related to it, and for responding to such notification as provided for in article 6 of the Convention, as defined pursuant to article 2 and designated pursuant to article 5.

Requests:

- Parties are urged to designate focal points and competent authorities, if they have not already done so, using the revised form, and to confirm and provide the Secretariat with updated contact details for existing focal points and competent authorities; (request a)
- States not party to the Convention are invited to designate focal points and competent authorities, if they have not already done so, using the revised form. (request b)

Respondents:

- Parties;
- States not party to the Convention.

Method of submission:

- Please submit any designations or updates to the Secretariat using the revised form available on the Basel Convention website at:
<http://www.basel.int/Procedures/FocalPoint/tabid/1325/Default.aspx> or
<http://www.basel.int/Procedures/CompetentAuthorities/tabid/1324/Default.aspx>.

Deadline for submissions:

- For requests a and b: None specified in the decision; please transmit designations and / or updated contact details **as soon as possible** so as to ensure effective transmission of information on matters relating to the Convention.

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